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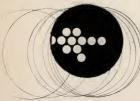


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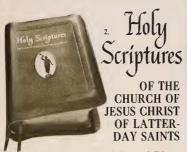
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THESE TIMES
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• Twenty years have passed since the world's most terrible conflict. A trillion dollars or more was its cost. There were fifty million casualties. Some lessons were learned by those who participated and experienced it. All, or nearly all, are now forty years old or older. The political leaders are nearly all gone: Hitler, Mussolini, Tojo, Stalin, Franklin Roosevelt, Churchill. The generals and admirals, too, are gone or going, at least, into retirement.

The paradox which remains is difficult to express. Maybe this will do. When is a "difference" to be tolerated and allowed to run its course, and when is a "difference" to be viewed as a terrible threat and dealt with forcefully?

Some have quick, simple, and easy answers to this question. In nations whose leaders are chosen through the complicated process of freely contested elections, leaders rarely have quick and easy answers. Persons not having to bear the responsibilities of power and of office more frequently "have the answers."

During the past summer there was considerable confusion about the meaning and efficacy of the fighting in South Viet Nam. There was confusion not only in political terms, but also in military terms; for example, can quantities of complicated machines successfully out-

man, outmaneuver, contain, or otherwise defeat small groups of jungle guerrilla fighters? Or must you outguerrilla the guerrillas? And if you must outguerrilla the guerrillas, where do you get the guerrillas who will be that effective for our side? From the Viet Namese or from the US Marines and the US Army infantry? How?

The "how" question seems to confound the experts, with the exception of President De Gaulle, who told the Vice-President of the United States, "You can never win." The "how" also plagues many nineteen- and twenty-year-olds who forsee themselves as eligible jungle 'guerrillas" for the task their confused or unconfused elders may thrust upon them. President De Gaulle, Catholic, anti-communist, and leader of the French nation that the Viet Cong defeated a decade ago, probably affords more authority to many American youth (and justification for their con-cern) than those who found support from General Wood, Colonel Lindbergh, and other prominent Americans twenty-five years ago. The "isolationists" then said that American intervention against Hitler would be unwise. De Gaulle, whose government today recognizes Red China, despite his Catholicism and his anti-communism, marks only one complicating influence. (Continued on page 920)

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August 23, 1965

To: All Bishops and Branch Presidents

Re: College Students Leaving Home

Dear Brethren:

As thousands of our young people leave home to attend college, you are reminded of the following important responsibilities:

- The pink duplicate membership record including the name of the student and the school and the city to which he is going should be sent to the Presiding Bishop's office <u>before</u> the student leaves home in order that he might be received immediately into membership and activity.
- Each student should be strongly urged to affiliate with the
 ward or branch adjacent to the school he attends and to
 erroll in the LDS institute of Religion wherever such is
 available. Recent studies have shown the value of the
 Institute program in helping college students maintain and
 develop a close relationship to the Church during these important years.
- Student wards and branches are organized primarily for students "who are living away from the homes of their parents." Any exception to this should be considered in the light of Section B of the Pirst Presidency's letter of November 4, 1963, on student wards and stakes.

All stake presidents, bishops and branch presidents who have questions on the operation of student wards and branches and their relationship to the other programs and organizations of the Church are invited to review the letter above referred to. Additional copies of this letter may be obtained from the office of the First Presidency.

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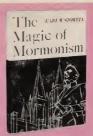
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•What is a child worth? Your child? As a baby its spirit came from heaven, from God the Eternal Father. Your baby's spirit is like a pure angel living in a little body. It came from the presence of our Heavenly Father, and it came to live with you for just a little while in this life in the flesh, but forever in the spirit and in the resurrected state.

Our Heavenly Father desires us to have a pure spirit and body so that we may come back into his presence. As long as the babies and children and parents are pure, they can always come back into the presence of our God, whence we came.

God expects us to keep our bodies as pure as a small child; and if we obey him, we will be as pure. I know one who kept himself as pure and sweet as when he came from his mother. You know him.

There was a woman whose name was Hannah. She had no baby, and she cried and cried every year when she went to the temple because the Lord hadn't given her a child. She believed it would be the best blessing in all the world for her, and so it would.

Now read the eighth verse of the first chapter of First Samuel:

"Then said Elkanah her husband to her, Hannah, why weepest thou? and why eatest thou not? and why is thy heart grieved? am not I better to thee than ten sons?"

But Hannah prayed:

"... O Lord of hosts, if thou wilt indeed look on the affliction of thine handmaid, and remember me, and not forget thine handmaid, but wilt give unto thine handmaid a man child, then I will give him unto the Lord all the days of his life, . . ." (*Ibid.*, 1:11.)

Samuel was born, and while still a young child he was taken to the temple, and Hannah said:

"Therefore also I have lent him to the Lord; as long as he liveth he shall be lent to the Lord." (*Ibid.*, 1:28.)

And that Bible verse goes on to say: "And he worshipped the Lord there." (Idem.)

One night after the lamp was out, and Samuel had gone to bed, and the high priest Eli was asleep, something happened:

Turn now to the third chapter of First Samuel, verse four, and read:

". . . the Lord called Samuel: and he answered, Here am I.

"And he ran unto Eli, and said, Here am I; for thou calledst me. And he said, I called not; lie down again. And he went and lay down.

"And the Lord called yet again, Samuel. And Samuel arose and went to Eli, and said, Here am I; for thou didst call me. And he answered, I called not, my son; lie down again.

"Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, neither was the word of the Lord yet revealed unto him.

"And the Lord called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli, and said, Here am I; for thou didst call me. And Eli perceived that the Lord had called the child.

"Therefore Eli said unto Samuel, Go, lie down: and it shall be, if he call thee, that thou shalt say, Speak, Lord; for thy servant heareth. So Samuel went and lay down in his place." (*Ibid.*, 3:5-9.)

Why was the Lord willing to appear in part to Samuel in the temple? Because he was clean.

Now we understand what kind of children the Savior had in mind when their mothers brought them to him that he might touch them. His Apostles forbade them, but the Savior was grieved and rebuked his Apostles, and said: "... suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God." (Mark 10:14.)

Fathers and mothers of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, the Savior is saying that to you and to all the world: "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God." (*Idem.*) How are some of you forbidding them? By putting in their way tobacco and strong drinks, ill tempers, and bad examples?

May his Spirit abide in your hearts and homes, that these children of yours may grow up pure and undefiled and go back to their Creator as pure as raindrops or the inner white of the lily flower.

I leave my blessing upon the children and upon you parents that you may love the truth and hate error.

QUESTION: "We were discussing the early ministry of our Savior and particularly the statement:

"'And if thy hand offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter into life maimed, than having two hands to go into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched: . . .

"'And if thy foot offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter halt into life, than having two feet to be cast into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched.' (Mark 9:43, 45.)

"I am of the opinion that we cannot comply with the Savior's injunction to cut off a hand or a foot or to pluck out an eye. It would not be safe for anyone to cut off a hand or otherwise to mutilate the body.

"Would you please tell us how these teachings are to be applied."

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ANSWER: In reading the Old Testament as well as the New Testament, we should keep in mind the fact that the Hebrews were a people who indulged constantly in figures of speech to convey their thoughts and impress upon the minds of the people the importance of what they had to say. The Old Testament, as well as the New, is filled with excellent figures of this kind intended to impress upon the minds of the people important doctrines and prophetic utterances. There is little doubt that can be raised against the fact that the people who heard these remarks were deeply impressed with the forceful and correct meaning of what was intended. They would not take such a remark literally according to the words which were uttered.

We should give these ancient people credit for enough intelligence to grasp correctly the full intent of such a statement and the correct meaning of the Savior's remark. When the Lord spoke of parts of the body, it is evident that he had in mind close friends or relatives who endeavored to lead us from the path of rectitude and humble obedience to the divine commandments we receive from the Lord.

If any friend or relative endeavors to lead a person away from the commandments, it is better to dispense with his friendship and association rather than to follow him in evil practices to destruction. This use of comparison or illustration was as common in ancient days as it is in the present age. We should not, in reading these ancient expressions in the New Testament, take such a statement as this referred to in the words of the Savior recorded by Mark in the literal interpretation. When properly understood it becomes a very impressive figure of speech.

If you have friends or associates who endeavor to entice you to commit sin, cut them off. Withdraw from their association lest they drag you down to the committing of some sin or transgression against divine will. It is better to forsake friends or companions who indulge in improper conduct than to be led by them into the committing of some sin or transgression against the divine will. This comparison made by our Redeemer is very impressive and should appeal to each of us and assist us in rejecting the enticings of riends whenever some improper project or action is contemplated, even if it should mean the loss of such friendship no matter how dear it has been to us.

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Diligence and Love

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• My dear brethren and sisters, I am very grateful to have this privilege of meeting with you this morning. I appreciated that President David O. McKay asked me to speak at this session, and may the Lord bless him in his work, I humbly pray.

The saying "Light the way to MIA" is something to be remembered. If we have enough love of our Father in heaven in our hearts, we will always be blessed

In the Doctrine and Covenants, section 88, it says: "He that seeketh me early shall find me, and shall not be forsaken." (V. 83.)

Procrastination as it may be applied to the gospel is the thief of eternal life, which is the life in the presence of the Father and the Son. There are many among us who feel that there is no need for haste in the observance of the gospel principles and the keeping of the commandments. We are living in the last days. Bad habits are easily formed. They are not so easily broken. Are we yielding to evil habits, thinking they are only trifles after all and we will get rid of them in the grave? Do we expect that our bodies will be cleansed in the grave and we shall come forth with perfect and sanctified bodies in the resurrection? There are some among us who teach this thing and excuse themselves for their practices, saying that they will be cleansed in the grave.

Alma taught a very different doctrine. He said to Corianton, his son, "Behold, I say unto you, wickedness never was happiness." (Alma 41:10.) The Savior Address delivered at 1965 MIA Tune Conference.

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said, "... with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again." (Matt. 7:2.) Some think that a little punishment will not be so bad, and they are willing to take a chance and suffer for the offenses rather than keep the commandments of the Lord as we are instructed. Who could be happy in suffering, all the while thinking that the suffering had come because of a wilful or persistent breaking of the commandments of God when knowledge and counsel to walk in righteousness had been given?

No person can begin too early to serve the Lord. Parents are instructed to teach their children from infancy with the warning that they will be held accountable if they fail to do so. And young people follow the teachings of their parents. The child who is taught in righteousness from birth will most likely follow righteousness always. Good habits are easily formed and easily followed.

Apostle Paul said to the Corinthians, ". . . ye are God's building.

"... But let every man take heed how he buildeth..." (1 Cor. 3:9-10.) One of the greatest responsibilities that is ever entrusted to any human being is that of building his own personality. The chief business of our lives is to build a house that will bear the weight of eternal life. In Grenville Kleiser's book Training for Power and Leadership, he writes, "Nothing touches the soul but leaves its impress. And thus little by little we are fashioned into the image of all we have seen and heard, known or meditated upon. If we learn to live with all that is fairest and purest and best, the love of it will in the end become our very life."

God has instructed us to use only the finest materials. He cannot look upon sin with the least degree of allowance, because he knows its terrible destructiveness in people's lives. The Lord has provided that every man should carry within himself the very things he seeks—faith, courage, and love—and we can develop that with which we have already been endowed. We should develop the ability to do the right thing instead of allowing ourselves endlessly to do as we please. The Lord has told us that if we keep ourselves clean we may become joint heirs with Jesus Christ, possessing all that the Father hath. (See Rom. 8:17 and D&C 84:38.) I am sure that we all want to live so that we may receive this blessing. There is nothing in the commandments of the Lord that is diffi-

cult to keep. With the guidance of the Spirit of the Lord we will find contentment and happiness in doing his will. The divine law declares that we may obtain the fulness of his kingdom through our faithfulness and obedience. Our Eternal Father cannot offer more. He has placed his greatest gift within the reach of all, but it is based upon obedience to his divine commandments.

The greatest waste in mortal life is that men love evil instead of righteousness. We come to this world to be tried and proved to see if we will keep the commandments when we are shut out of the divine presence. Most human beings live below their possibilities. Mortal life is short at best. It is, however, the life in which we prepare for eternity.

We are told that "the fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction." (Prov. 1:7.) True knowledge and wisdom come through prayer and wise fasting and through diligent study. Let us not forget the words of Alma: "For behold, this life is the time for men to prepare to meet God; yea, behold the day of this life is the day for men to perform their labors." (Alma 34:32.)

This important statement is taken from the teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith: "We consider that God has created man with a mind capable of instruction, and a faculty which may be enlarged in proportion to the heed and diligence given to the light communicated from heaven to the intellect; and that the nearer man approaches perfection, the clearer are his views, and the greater his enjoyments, till he has overcome the evils of his life and lost every desire for sin; and like the ancients, arrives at that point of faith where he is wrapped in the power and glory of his Maker and is caught up to dwell with Him. But we consider that this is a station to which no man ever arrived in a moment: he must have been instructed in the government and laws of that kingdom by proper degrees, until his mind is capable in some measure of comprehending the propriety, justice, equality, and consistency of the same. For further instruction we refer you to Deut. xxxii, where the Lord says, that Jacob is the lot of His inheritance. He found him in the desert land, and in the waste, howling wilderness; He led him about, He instructed him. He kept him as the apple of His eye, etc.; which will show the force (Continued on page 886)

into the image of all we have seen, heard, known, or meditated



How to Succeed in MIA

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• My fellow workers in MIA, I sincerely ask for an interest in your prayers, that our Heavenly Father will sustain me in this privileged opportunity.

I have in my hand the current issue of a publication which is prepared, edited, and distributed by the general boards of the Mutual Improvement Associations of the Church and sent to those who have responsibilities in leading, counseling, and inspiring the youth through the MIA program. Success is most likely to come to that officer or teacher who follows its instructions. I speak, of course, of the MIA Leader. Today, however, I have chosen to speak not of a Leader which is attractively printed on brightly colored paper and distributed through the mails, but rather a leader who is called under the inspiration of Almighty God and set apart and devoted to the challenging opportunity and privilege to guide our Father's children back to his eternal presence. I speak of you. Yes, and I also speak through you to many hundreds and even thousands of other MIA leaders with whom you serve.

When a member of your bishopric stopped by your home and asked that you serve the Lord as a scout-master, a teacher of a Beehive class, or perhaps a secretary or executive in the MIA organization, did you actually stop and contemplate the true meaning of your acceptance? Did you look upon your assignment in terms of twenty-four Boy Scouts, or twelve Beehive girls, or perhaps an obligation to devote two hours each MIA evening? Or, rather, did you reflect Address delivered at 1965 MIA June Conference.

. . . disappointed youth declare:

upon the real meaning of your opportunity as the words of the Lord found lodgment in your heart: "Remember the worth of souls is great in the sight of God;" (D&C 18:10)? If so, you were humbled as you became aware that God our Eternal Father and his Beloved Son had chosen you to play a vital role in a glorious cause. "... this is my work and my glory—to bring to pass the immortality and eternal life of man." (Moses 1:39.)

It was then that you determined to become the MIA leader whose service would be pleasing to our Heavenly Father and whose example could be implicitly followed by his precious youth as they seriously lived a game played in their boyhood and girlhood days called "Follow the Leader."

What are the traits of a successful MIA leader? How may we recognize him? Why is he different from many others? Together might we consider this morning what I have chosen to call the six identifying traits of a successful MIA leader. These traits provide a blueprint which points the way toward success in MIA.

First, the successful MIA leader has faith. He recognizes that the greatest force in this world today is the power of God as it works through man. He takes comfort from the very real assurance that divine help can be his blessing, for hasn't the Lord promised: "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, . . ." (Rev. 30:20)? He is, through his faith, a believer in prayer, knowing that prayer provides power-spiritual power-and that prayer provides peace-spiritual peace. He knows and he teaches youth that the recognition of a power higher than man himself does not in any sense debase him; rather, it exalts him. He further declares if we will but realize that we have been created in the image of God, we will not find him difficult to approach. For God did create ". . . man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them." (Gen. 1:27.) This knowledge, acquired through faith, accounts for the inner calm which characterizes the successful MIA leader.

Second, the successful MIA leader lives as he teaches. He is honest with others. He is honest with himself. He is honest with God. He is honest by habit and as a matter of course. When a difficult decision must be made, such a leader never asks

himself, "What will people think?" but rather, "What will I think of myself?" In the June 1963 issue of Nation's Business, there appeared a comprehensive report entitled "What It Takes to Be Successful." The report was prepared by that magazine's editors after exhaustive surveys to determine those traits which, when acquired and lived, will assure a leader's success. Business leaders, educators, and consultants evaluated the qualities a leader needs most; and the final conclusion revealed that integrity, and variations of it, such as honesty or moral soundness, was given first rank by virtually all participants in the survey. The MIA leader who has integrity, who leads by example, will never suffer the scorn of disappointed youth who declare, "People are always telling us what to do but aren't doing it themselves." The Apostle Paul counseled us wisely, ". . . be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity." (1 Tim. 4:12.)

Third, the successful MIA leader works willingly. Formula W applies to him. What is Formula W? Simply this: Work Will Win When Wishy-Washy Wishing Won't. Should you be discouraged, look back carefully and honestly, and you will find that your work has not been done with all your might. Victory is certain to come to him who gives all of himself to the cause he represents when there be truth in the cause. There is no place for procrastination, defined by Edward Young two centuries ago as "the thief of time."

Procrastination is really much more. It is the thief of our self-respect. It nags at us and spoils our joy. It deprives us of the fullest realization of our ambitions and hopes. But procrastination is a guest who prefers to visit the lazy and never feels at home with the busy and diligent. The willing worker recognizes that time is precious-that life is priceless. He can, in part, feel the exaltation Winston Churchill felt as he addressed the people of the Commonwealth just twenty years ago this season as VE-day dawned on a weary world. He said: "The unconditional surrender of our enemies was a signal for the greatest outburst of joy in the history of mankind. The Second World War had indeed been fought to the bitter end in Europe. The vanquished as well as the victors felt inexpressible relief. But for us in Britain and the British Empire, who had alone been in the struggle from the (Continued on page 888)

"People are always telling us what to do, but aren't doing it themselves."

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A series of enlightening discussions



The Physician

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HERE ARE TWO primary methods of obtaining a knowledge of man and the universe. The first is revelation from God. This is the direct way to obtain the truth. Unfortunately this way is not open to many people, not because God reserves this for a few of his select friends, for "... God is no respecter of persons: ..." (Acts 10:34) but because only a few are willing to submit to the conditions God requires of all those to whom he gives revelation.

A second source of information comes from observation, investigation, experimentation, and analysis for the purpose of formulating theories and laws. This process is called "science" and is open to all who care to pursue it. A good scientist should have a keen, inquiring mind, a love for truth, the ability to organize and interpret correctly the facts he gathers and to be completely unbiased. A true scientist is interested in fact and truth, not just in proving his point.

Throughout history there have been differences in what the prophets and what science teaches about certain subjects. Many people have interpreted this to be a conflict between science and religion and have felt that if one is right the other must be wrong and therefore should be totally disregarded. Since science has effectively solved many of the present-day problems, and since religion deals with less tangible things, many have disregarded religion for science. How uninformed they really arel

Let us consider the methods of science for a moment. A scientist perceives and tries to interpret the world through his own senses and mind. But this is dangerous, because we are limited by our own senses and thought processes. For example, our eye perceives only certain light wave lengths of the electromagnetic spectrum. This gives a distorted and limited picture of reality. Also, the so-called scientific laws are built on the laws of change. This means that a given event, after having been observed a sufficient number of times to occur always a certain way, is then called a law because everyone is convinced that it is so. But many of the so-called laws of science have been changed over the years.

Most of our science has been built over the preceding ten generations. What does this mean? This adopted analogy of Lecomte du Noüy will help clarify my thought. Suppose there was a colony of microbes that lived in the hoof of a camel. This particular camel was walking over the desert. The microbes lived in a crack one-fifth of an inch deep. This is equivalent to 6,000 feet for us. They lived a long life span-four generations a day. After ten generations-about three days -the brighter microbes observed the cyclic variations of dark and light that occurred as the camel walked. They tested, observed, recorded, and analyzed their data and finally announced their scientific laws to their world. They were acclaimed and praised by all. Can you imagine their astonishment when on the fourth day the camel crossed a river and only a few survivors were left to tell of the terrible flood that shattered their science. In a sense we are like this. We are as puny as the microbes when we consider the immensity of space and the "worlds without number. . . ." (Moses 1:33.) And remember, a thousand of our years is only one year after the reckoning of the Lord. It is just as foolish for us as it would be for the microbes to tell the (Continued on page 892)

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HENEVER ANYBODY claims that there is an inherent conflict between science and religion, one can be sure that such claim is based on a fundamental misunderstanding of the nature of either religion, science, or most likely, both. Of course, it is true that great conflicts have existed and do exist even today between these two fields of endeavor; however, such conflicts can be identified as being invariably of one of the following types:

- 1. Conflict between false religion and true science
- 2. Conflict between false science and true religion
- 3. Conflict between false religion and false science True religion and true science have never been

True religion and true science have never been in conflict. Indeed, they cannot be. Both fields produce and are repositories of knowledge which is indispensable for the fullest development of man's intellectual and spiritual qualities. True religion will always encourage the discovery and use of scientific truth. Science, on the other hand, can confirm the assertions of true religion when the ever-increasing accumulation of scientific knowledge brings the object of those assertions within its realm.

Religious truth is essentially the explanation of, or information about, the nature or order of phenomena for which physical evidence is not always immediately available. In science the equivalent of this is called a theory. Scientific truth is essentially the confirmation of theory. Since true religion by definition never suggests false theories, it never can be contradicted by scientific truth.

All truth comes from the same source. But it must be understood that truth exists at different levels of abstraction. And since each dimension of reality can be perceived and understood only by obeying the laws on which it is based, it follows that the approach to truth at different levels may require the use of different methods of investigation.

Is the method of religion different from the method of science? Yes, in practice it is different. Ultimately the two methods are directly related, but in the nature of the mortal experience they are different. By definition the scientific method demands empirical evidence, that is to say, evidence of the physical senses. Scientific truth is essentially empirical truth. It is a crucial scientific requirement that all scientific investigations be limited to phenomena which are reachable only by the physical senses of man, or an extension thereof, such as touch, smell, hearing, sight, and taste. Of course, science may and often does propose theories which at the given time appear to refer to phenomena beyond the limits of the physical senses. But not until the findings produced by these theories have been confirmed by the physical senses does science claim true knowledge. Since any scientific theory might be proven false, there is a vast difference between a scientific theory and a scientific fact. Scientific truth, then, is that type of truth which has been acquired and repeatedly tested by the use of the physical senses of man, his physical nature.

But the physical senses are not all there is to man.

Man is more than flesh and bones; man is also spirit. The nature of man is such that he can testify to

spirit. The nature of man is such that he can testify to himself that his nature is more than physical. Throughout the history of mankind, the greatest poets, writers, philosophers, and even the (Continued on page 894)

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A Physicist, A Chemist ... showing that



The Physicist

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HERE IS NO conflict between true science and true religion. I think that most of the conflict which arises is in the minds of people who know very little about either science or religion or perhaps both. These people are not competent to form comparisons.

In my mind, science and religion apply to such different fields of our experience that it is difficult to get a conflict; for example, science has nothing to say about morals or ethics. Religion makes no attempt to describe the structure of the atom. Only in the small region where the two fields overlap can we make comparisons. We don't have the problem that Copernicus, Galileo, and others had with the church taking a direct stand against the new scientific knowledge they brought forth. Our Church welcomes new knowledge of all kinds and from all sources as long as it be true.

Comparing physics in particular with religion, we could say that physics deals with forces or interaction between various particles; with the structure of atoms, molecules, nuclei, crystals, and matter in general; with the motion of planets, stars, molecules, electrons, mesons, projectiles, etc. Our scriptures say very little about these things.

Religion deals with man's relationship to God. It teaches us our purpose or goal in life, standards of conduct necessary for the achievement of that goal, and the part that Christ plays in the achievement of that goal. These things are not even mentioned in my physics texts.

Our methods of gaining knowledge in the two fields are the same in some ways and very different in other ways. In physics we depend on our five senses to observe physical phenomena. Mainly we read a pointer on a dial or something similar to measure the weight of an object, the current in a circuit, the temperature of a gas, etc. Anything which cannot be measured by a pointer on a dial is outside of physics.

In religion, however, we deal with spiritual things which cannot be measured. You cannot measure a person's love for God. You cannot tell by reading a meter how honest a person is or how chaste or benevolent or any of these things. God has his own ways for measuring these things that man doesn't understand.

In the case of physics these observations are aided much of the time by controlled experiments. You cannot conduct controlled experiments on sunspots or the aurora borealis, but on a very large number of things you can. Anyone can do these same experiments and get the same results. A much smaller fraction of our religious knowledge is subject to controlled experiment; for example, I know that God the Father and his Son Jesus Christ appeared to Joseph Smith in the grove; but I cannot set up an experiment to prove it. The type of experience that Joseph had doesn't happen to everyone, but only to certain prophets who have been pre-selected because they have shown their worthiness in the premortal existence.

Much of our physical knowledge comes from inspiration, hunches, or sudden flashes of insight or intuition. Some of this at least probably comes directly from God for the benefit (Continued on page 896)

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the so-called problem is no problem at all!



The Chemist

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E WILL go down, for there is space there, and we will take of these materials, and we will make an earth whereon these may dwell;

"And we will prove them herewith, to see if they will do all things whatsoever the Lord their God shall command them;" (Abr. 3:24-25.)

This remarkable statement made by Jesus Christ in the premortal state and recorded in the Pearl of Great Price reveals two important truths that are pertinent to this discussion. The first is that the earth was organized from preexisting materials and, hence, by using preexisting physical laws governing them. The second truth is that God established certain moral and religious laws which he has commanded us to obey. Science is concerned with the physical laws. Religion is concerned with the moral or religious laws. But they are all laws of God and, since he is a God of order, cannot be in conflict with each other. Any apparent conflict must be due to our misunderstanding of them.

"The glory of God is intelligence, . . ." (D&C 93:36.) His power and majesty derive from his knowledge and wise use of the laws that exist. We have been commanded, "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect." (Matt. 5:48.) However, we cannot become perfect until we have the intelligence that he has. Therefore, we should strive to learn the truth of all things, not only of a scientific nature, but of a religious nature as well.

Now the question arises, "How does one find the truth? How can he know what is a law and what is a theory?" The pathways to truth in both science and

religion have certain similarities. In both cases a desire to know the truth is essential. Desire is the motivating force. Then comes study. Without a thorough study of the scientific literature, the scientist is unprepared to formulate a worthwhile hypothesis. Nor is he aware of the best scientific methods by which he can test his hypothesis.

Without a thorough study of the religious literature, that is, the scriptures, the religionist has no basis for his concept of God or his moral laws. After study comes experimentation. Experimentation is not reserved for the scientist alone. Alma, referring to the method whereby a testimony of the gospel may be obtained, said, ". . . awake and arouse your faculties, even to an experiment upon my words, . . . " (Alma 32:27. Italics added.) However, the experimental procedures are not the same. The scientist does not necessarily rely on prayer. He perceives the results of his experiments with his physical senses. He can expect precisely the same results every time he performs the same experiment. And his results are interpreted largely on the basis of reason. In contrast, the seeker after religious truth relies on prayer. Sometimes the only test he can perform is that of prayer. But he can experiment with the principles of service, forgiveness, repentance, etc., by putting these principles into practice in his life. Usually he perceives the results of his experiments with his "spiritual senses," which are the senses that are stimulated by the whisperings of the Spirit. In other words, after serving, forgiving, repenting, he receives an assurance by revelation that service, forgiveness, repentance are laws of God.

This revelation can come (Continued on page 896)



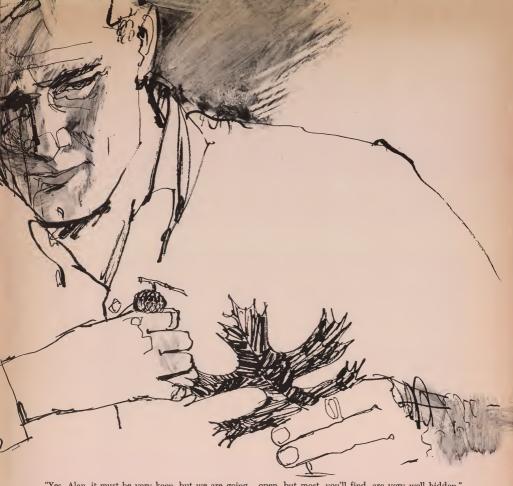


BY WENDELL B. HAMMOND

"At last I'm here, Alan. You remember what I promised you sometime ago." The cheerful voice of the boy's Uncle Derek echoed in from the opened front door. "The lark is on the wing; the voice of the turtledove is heard in the land—and all that sort of thing," he added merrily as he saw Alan switch off a button and come toward him eagerly.

"Your sturdiest shoes now, your old Levi's, and we're off, off to canyon and woods and tumbling stream. But leave that book behind," he added as he noted the boy still held the volume he had been reading, "And what kind of book is it?"

"Oh, it's all about space ships and astronauts and satellites and such things. It's keen, Uncle Derek, keen."



"Yes, Alan, it must be very keen, but we are going to places that no astronaut can find unless he stays here on the good earth. But get ready, Alan; it's my day off. My car is here, and the canyon is not far away."

Only a short distance up the canyon, they parked their car near a grove of maples and birch. At the entrance to the canyon Alan noticed a round, bare hillock of ample size and height and exclaimed, "Look at that, Uncle Derek! Wouldn't that be a fine place for a launching pad. Boy, how the old rockets could zoom up from that spot!",

"You have sharp eyes for such things, Alan," his uncle said. "We'll soon see if they are sharp enough to discover a few of nature's secrets. Some of them are open, but most, you'll find, are very well hidden."

Their path led them through the maple grove, then through some birch with their deep red bark, and soon to a clump of quite large scrub oak.

"First let's see who will find a few young acorns growing," Uncle Derek said, and then very soon, after pulling down a branch, "Here we have them before us now." And he pointed to three half-grown acorns huddled together near the end of the branch. They looked closely at the small acorns.

"So frail and helpless they seem now, yet we know what they might become. But the question is: How did they get the urge to come out on the very right spot on this branch? Or how did they ever come out at all from rough old (Continued on page 899)

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After 1,300 years of silence the Arch of Ctesiphon, part of the summer palace of Sassanian Persian kings, rings with applause once more—this time for State Department sponsored BYU show.

As the performance ended, Adlai Stevenson quickly bounded up on stage, faced the more than three hundred especially invited United Nations' delegates from many lands, and said, "I am completely captured! These glorious people have represented superbly the ideals of my



country. I only wish to congratulate them with all my heart." And with that the late, widely respected United States Ambassador to the United Nations turned and began to greet and warmly embrace the twenty-five young Latter-day Saints of Brigham Young University's popular variety show, "Curtain Time, USA."

BY JAY TODD

●The special performance at the United Nations Building was only the beginning of the "welcome home" reception that the student-entertainers received upon their return from a highly successful four-month tour throughout Southeast Asia and the Middle East.

Sent out by the US State Department as official "goodwill ambassadors for America and her ideals," the entertainers broke language barriers in their ability to communicate heart-to-heart to the peoples of the world.

"Never in the history of the Cultural Presentations Program has the US State Department sent a more successful tour abroad. This group did the impossible ... and they did it with ease and dignity. Everybody loved them," said one State Department official. A full list of the countries in which the group performed is most impressive: Ceylon, India, Nepal, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Egypt, Iraq, Syria, Turkey, Greece, Jordan, Lebanon, Cyprus, and Austria.

In Greece two twenty-year-old boys came up after the show and said, "We have never seen people like you. Why are you so happy? What makes you this way?"

"I think it was the purpose of the group to cut a swathe of love across the countries we visited the likes of which has never been seen. We wanted people to know that we were their brothers and that we live in a world where we need to understand and love one another," said tour manager Norman Nielsen.

And cut a swathe they did! Leaving from San Francisco, the group came home via New York on a tour that literally took them around the globe as they traveled more than 40,000 miles.

From the lands of Mount Everest, the highest spot on earth, to cities near the Dead Sea, the lowest spot on earth, the song, dance, and instrumental show captivated and warmed the hearts of thousands. More than 75,000 persons saw the performances live, an estimated ten million saw them on television, and millions more heard them on radio shows and Voice of America programs that were beamed throughout the Southeast Asian and Middle Eastern sections of the world.

Shows were performed on race track grounds, pasture land, ball fields; civic playgrounds, in university halls, gymnasiums, movie theaters, military halls, and municipal auditoriums. Students, professors, ambassadors, government leaders, diplomats, royalty, citizens laughed, cried, and applauded together.

Charles E. Ellison, director of the Cultural Presentations Program of the State Department, said, "The tour convincingly demonstrated the advantages which a variety show has in winning audiences of diverse national, social, racial, linguistic, religious, and cul-



Norman Nielsen tries to prove to Glonda Gardner, "Anything you can do, I can do better," to the delight of an audience in Kathmandu, Nepal. The show sparkled with numbers bused on famous Broadway musicals. Cast members were on a tight schedule of performances but found



tural backgrounds. The appeal of 'Curtain Time, USA' proved to be truly universal."

But spreading love, though an important part of the tour, was only part of the job. "We soon discovered that one of our purposes was to help wipe out the distorted images many people have of Americans," said dancer Kim Booke of Provo, Utah.

"Time after time students would say that we had completely changed their outlook toward Americans. Some said that we were such a contrast to their preconceived notion that they couldn't help liking us," said singer Taylor MacDonald of El Paso, Texas.

"It has been known for years," said Mr. Ellison, "that the low class movies and certain types of records that often receive wide distribution in foreign lands are our biggest enemies. That is why we were so deeply appreciative of the new kind of image left by 'Curtain Time, USA."

In fact, it was not unusual for those who introduced the BYU students to comment about the high standards practised by the "Curtain Time" entertainers. At the University of Ceylon an official said, while introducing the cast to more than 700 students, "Here in Ceylon our notion of American youth is what we get only from rock and roll records and second-rate Hollywood films. We view American youth with a cigarette in one hand, a glass of alcohol in the other.

and highly spoiled by wealth as they race around in their flashy sports cars.

"But this group from Brigham Young represents the larger, the finer element of American youth . . . the youth who will prevail; for they do not smoke, or drink, and their customs and manners as you have observed are of modesty and good bearing. They are Mormons. Their religion teaches them to live this way. I am so glad that the United States State Department has sent this type of ambassador to show us the contrast between the image we have and the truth. As you would say . . . God bless you," and the speaker turned and bowed to the cast.

Another of the State Department's purposes in sending cultural exchange programs abroad is to provide a "showcase for America." While in Colombo, Ceylon, the show was given for three days at the Ceylon Industrial Exhibition in an attempt to offset some of the appeal being made at the fair by the communist nations of Red China, Czechoslovakia, Poland, and East Germany.

The first performance filled the seats of the race track as the BYU collegians performed on a makeshift stage on the track. The newspapers gave very favorable reviews. On the second day Ceylonese workers at the United States Pavilion staged a mild strike that got front page attention demanding that they

time to vivit some points of interest. The eastle was built by crusaders in Sidon, Lebanon Republic. The enthusiasm and zest with which the troupe performed won almost immediate response from every audience. This group in Cyprus reflects the happy spirit, the lift, that came through consistently in spite of language differences. Members of the east exchanged ideas with the peoples they visited at every available opportunity. Jon D. Green and Dean Black (lower right) chat with Indian women at a dinner given in honor of the BYU group in Madras.



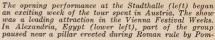
too be allowed to see the show. And by the third day so popular had the visiting American student-entertainers become that one fair official said, "During the performances of 'Curtain Time, USA,' the rest of the fair looks like a dead city." Following the final performance, an estimated 10,000 Ceylonese cheered as a well-known Colombo Choir ran up on stage and sang in broken English "The Star-Spangled Banner." It was a moving tribute to the ideals that America and other nations share in common.

So widely publicized had the tour become that by the time the twenty-five goodwill missionaries reached Iraq, they were asked by the Iraqi government to inaugurate an ancient shrine, the Arch of Ctesiphon, as a cultural center. The performance of "Curtain Time, USA" was to be the first cultural presentation under the arch for over 1,300 years. But the much-heralded event nearly became a disaster when it was learned that all the show's costumes, props, lights, and instruments had been delayed in their flight from Egypt. And, as if this weren't enough, ominous clouds and fierce gusts of wind played havoc everywhere.

But in the spirit of the theater, the show went on and was a rousing success even though it was performed in street clothes, with borrowed instruments, and with little of the usual electronic lighting and sound effects. And though the wind howled and the











rain poured intermittently, a standing ovation was accorded the cast, and a request came immediately for a nationwide television show. An estimated three million Iraqis saw the television show three days later. But to the BYU students it seemed as if everyone had been watching, for wherever they went in Iraq, people would ask for autographs or even mimic a dance routine as they indicated that they had seen and liked the show

One US Embassy official said, "In the job of winning hearts, this is the greatest collection of talent I've ever seen."

Secretary of State Dean Rusk cabled: "Extend Department's warm greetings to BYU for most successful tour thus far accomplished in spite of hardships encountered. Department sincerely gratified members contributions both on and off stage."

King Hussein I of Jordan, meeting with the students during a rare three-hour visit, said, "My countrymen have deluged me with calls telling of your popularity with them. I wanted to see you for myself. And I have not been disappointed." During the course of the evening, the twenty-nine-year-old monarch became intently interested when cast members pointed out many of the similarities between Jordan and Utah: both have a dead sea, a Jordan River, a Mount Nebo, a Moab, and both are religious centers.

pey. At a reception Roger Call had the opportunity to meet Mr. Omar El Farouk Osman and Mrs. Osman (daughter of Dr. Mohamed Aly Hafez, Deputy Minister of Education) and Mr. Attia, Egyptian artist. The cast was greatly honored by introductions to royalty and high government officials throughout the tour. Here the Chief Minister Brahmananda Reddy of Andhra Pradesh greets members of the BYU team. One US official said, "In the job of winning hearts, this is the greatest collection of talent Tve ever seen!"



The powerful Arab newspaper, the Jerusalem Times, said, "The 25 members—13 women and 12 men—are one of the best investments of the U.S. State Department, for its net crop of love, friendship, and peace is greater than any U.S. money or arms deal could gain."

Wherever "Curtain Time" went the story was the same. "It is a matter of record," said George West, the State Department officer who accompanied the group during the entire tour, "that there was not even one unfavorable press review or unfavorable response by the public during the entire four-month period. That is fantastic in itself."

From the press reports and public response, there seems to be no question that the young Latter-day Saints were able to break through barriers.

"People are really amazed when we tell them that we faced no language barriers. But we didn't," said dancer Tanya Hale of Glendale, California. "We believe that we have found a way to communicate from heart to heart, from spirit to spirit. Without any understandable words we can get across our message of love and stedfastness to worthwhile things."

But the accolades, honors, and praises that were showered upon the group were not lightly won. During the fall semester before their departure in mid-February, the students studied four hours a week the politics, economics, and religious and social conditions of the countries they were to visit.

Creator and producer of the show, Jane Thompson, drilled and practised the troupe an additional ten hours a week on the many intricate dance and musical arrangements. "We wanted to capture the warmth, enthusiasm, and genuineness of character that would inspire people to do good things," said singer Dean Black of Aurora, Colorado.

But once the tour was underway, even more intensive work began as the troupe personalized each show for each nation's particular audience. Master of ceremonies Gary Lawrence, Springville, Utah, would learn sufficient language of each country to introduce the show. The accordionist, former United States national accordion champion Janet Cutrer Todd, learned folk tunes of each nation as she quickly played herself into the hearts of even the hostile.

And as a special gesture, at the end of each performance, the troupe would sing in the local language the host nation's national anthem. The efforts to learn the often very difficult wordings and intonations were always rewarded by thunderous ovations.

But the entertainers' offstage activities just as equally endeared them to everyone they met. The BYU troupers were guests at countless receptions, parties, discussions, and (Continued on page 902)

HowArt Thou Fallen.

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HE WORK of the devil is not always brought about by such a vivid and forcible display of evil power as related in the experience of Heber C. Kimball and Orson Hyde in the encounter which they had. The devil works in many ways to fight against the children of God and his kingdom. He will use any means possible to influence men and women to turn from paths of truth and righteousness. He is the father of lies and of deception. He has dealt in this work for a long time and has become not only master of it himself but an able teacher of these things to the body of spirits who followed him when he was cast out of heaven and to those who have accepted and followed his wicked ways while in this mortal existence.

Nephi taught that the devil uses four particular ways to turn men from following the Lord:

"For behold, at that day shall he rage in the hearts of the children of men, and stir them up to anger against that which is good.

"And others will he pacify, and lull them away into carnal security, that they will say: All is well in Zion; yea, Zion prospereth, all is well—and thus the devil cheateth their souls, and leadeth them away carefully down to hell.

"And behold, others he flattereth away, and telleth them there is no hell; and he saith unto them: I am no devil, for there is none—and thus he whispereth in their ears, until he grasps them with his awful chains, from whence there is no deliverance." (2 Nephi 28:20-22.)

other that he says that (1) Satan will "stir them up to anger against that which is good,"
(2) he will "lull them into carnal security . . . and leadeth them away carefully down to hell," (3) "others he flattereth away, and telleth them there is no hell," and (4) "he saith unto them: I am no devil, for there is none—and thus he whispereth in their ears until he grasps them."

Whatever his method, his object—which is to make men miserable like himself—never changes. He is constantly alert, as are those who serve him, to every opportunity that can be used to lead the children of our Heavenly Father from the paths of truth and righteousness, and he is constantly seeking ways to retard the work and progress of the kingdom of God on earth

The leaders of the Church from time to time have warned against the enticements of the devil and his followers as they attempt to lead man from the path of righteousness. Evil spirits study a person and his surroundings and constantly strive to make the most telling inroads possible upon his conduct by their powerful influence. President Brigham Young stated regarding the watchful waiting of Satan and his followers that:

"... every person who desires and strives to be a Saint is closely watched by fallen spirits that came here when Lucifer fell, and by the spirits of wicked persons who have been here in tabernacles and departed from them, but who are still under the control of the prince of the power of the air. Those spirits are never idle; they are watching every person who wishes to do right, and are continually prompting them to do wrong." (ID, 7, 239.)

HE CONTINUOUS promptings of the devil or the spirits that followed him, as well as the spirits of wicked men and women who have departed this life, have been felt by us all. The temptation to lie when we are caught in something for which we do not wish to take the blame, the temptation to take something that doesn't belong to us, the temptation to keep the extra money that someone has mistakenly given us as we received our change, the temptation to speak evil about someone are examples of promptings that have come to us all. We might cite other examples in many other areas of conduct to illustrate the constant daily attempts that are made by the devil to influence us to sin.

The devil is using every stratagem and deceitful way possible to ensnare mortal beings and lead them

.. O Lucifer?



captive to his will that he may cause them to follow his evil ways. But it is not only the individual that he is fighting against, but also the mission work of the Lord Jesus Christ and the building of his kingdom.

RESIDENT WILFORD WOODRUFF taught that: "This arch enemy of God and man, called the devil, the 'Son of the Morning,' who dwells here on the earth, is a personage of great power; he has great influence and knowledge. He understands that if this kingdom, which he rebelled against in heaven, prevails on the earth, there will be no dominion here for him. . . . There is a vast number of fallen spirits, cast out with him, here on the earth. They do not die and disappear; they have not bodies only as they enter the tabernacles of men. They have not organized bodies, and are not to be seen with the sight of the eye. But there are many evil spirits amongst us, and they labor to overthrow the Church and kingdom of God." (Ibid., 13, 163.)

As Wilford Woodruff taught, the devil is aware that if he does not stop the progress of the kingdom of God, which he rebelled against in the heavens, there will be no place for him hereafter among the mortal sons and daughters of God. Therefore he and his followers are constantly laboring to overthrow the Church and kingdom of God.

President Joseph F. Smith declared regarding the work of Satan:

ET IT NOT be forgotten that the evil one has great power in the earth and that by every possible means he seeks to darken the minds of men and then offers them falsehood and deception in the guise of truth. Satan is a skillful imitator, and as genuine gospel truth is given the world in an ever-increasing abundance, so he spreads the counterfeit coin of false doctrine. Beware of his spurious currency, it will purchase for you nothing but disappointment, misery and spiritual death. The 'father of lies' he has been called, and such an adept has he become through the ages of practice in his nefarious work, that were it possible he would de-

ceive the very elect." (II, 37, 562, September 1902.)

s President Smith pointed out, the devil will use every available means to lead the children of our Heavenly Father astray. He further warns us that no satisfaction can come from following the promptings and enticements of Satan and that, if we do follow his promptings to do evil, it will only bring disappointment, misery, and spiritual death.

President Brigham Young declared that the devil is interested only in the work of destruction, and he contrasted the work of the devil with the work of the Lord:

"The devil delights in the work of destruction—to burn and lay waste and destroy the whole earth. He delights to convulse and throw into confusion the affairs of men, politically, religiously and morally, introducing war with its long train of dreadful consequences. It is evil which causeth all these miseries and all deformity to come upon the inhabitants of the earth. But that which is of God is pure, lovely, holy and full of all excellency and truth, no matter where it is found, in hell, in heaven, upon the earth, or in the planets." (JD, 11, 240.)

From the statement of President Young we realize that through the persuasion of the devil, destruction, misery, and evil have been brought to the inhabitants of the earth. It should not be difficult for us to recognize that war, murder, adultery, as well as all other evil acts of a lesser degree are brought about by the influence of evil spirits and as a result of the promptings of the devil.

From these statements we are caused to query, "Who then is Satan?" The answer is that he is "an angel of God who was in authority in the presence of God," and "was thrust down from the presence of God and the Son,

"And was called Perdition, for the heavens wept over him—he was Lucifer, a son of the morning." (D&C 76:25-26.)

President John Taylor (Continued on page 901)

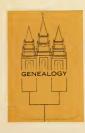
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A Strange Letter



"... there are ... hundreds of thousands ... of them [people] in the spirit world who long to receive this gospel. ... They are waiting on you. ... They know where their records are, and I testify to you that the spirit and influence of your dead will guide those who are interested in finding those records. If there is anywhere on the earth anything concerning them, you will find it. ... But you must begin to work. You must begin to inquire after your dead."

(Sermons and Missionary Services of Melvin J. Ballard, p. 230.)



• After nearly one hundred years of fruitless searching, members of the George Laub family organization had almost concluded that neither they nor their deceased progenitors knew where their ancestral records reposed, if indeed there were any records anywhere concerning them. Years of effort and many hours of research had

yielded little. It was even suggested that only a miracle would provide the information needed to establish the ancestral pedigree and locate the original home. Such a suggestion, of course, was based upon faith in the power and influence of the spirit of Elijah.

A bronze plaque in the Pioneer Memorial Theatre, University of Utah, honors the memory of George Laub, a Mormon pioneer. It is fitting that his name should appear in that building in memoriam, because many years earlier he assisted in the construction of

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the original Salt Lake Theatrc. Because he was a skilled earpenter and cabinetmaker, his talents were very useful in the fledgling pioneer settlement of the Great Salt Lake Valley. But honoring the memory of a pioneer progenitor with a numerous posterity is a much simpler task than seeking out his obscure ancestry.

George was a descendant of the sturdy German immigrant settlers of eastern Pennsylvania. He was born in 1814 in Earl township, Lancaster County, a son of John and Barbara Laub. When but a lad at the tender age of eight years, his father died, and he was "farmed out" to make his own way in the world. Fortunately for the youngster, he was cared for by a kind family who provided him with a meager livelihood and eventually arranged for him to be apprenticed as a carpenter. Within a few years another tragedy came into his life. His mother died. Contacts with his family then became limited, and he soon lost trace of many of his relatives and kinfolk.

When he was a young man, George moved to Chester County, Pennsylvania, and was apprenticed under another tradesman. Here occurred a turning point in his life. He became friends with a young man who was interested in a new religion. This friend induced George to go with him and hear the message of these new ministers. From the first visit, George was also attracted to this new faith, called Mormonism; and whenever the opportunity arose, he arranged to attend meetings where the elders were to preach. In some of these meetings there was lively opposition, but he found himself siding with the Mormon viewpoint.

Eventually, being fully convinced of the truth of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, he decided to apply for baptism. His feelings are reflected in a comment made in his journal: "I rejoiced in the truth which I found. . . . I would not give it up for worlds . . . for I knew it to be the truth from heaven and felt the power."

Shortly after his baptism, he and a group of the Saints in that area decided to migrate to the gathering place of the Church. The trip to Nauvoo took nineteen days by land and water. The arrival was a joyous occasion for George. In his journal he wrote: "I had longed to see the Prophet. I then had the opportunity of striking good hands with him, and my heart leaped in me for joy for I had greater affection toward him than any other person on earth."

In Nauvoo George met a young woman, Mary Jane McGennis, who became his wife. They joined the westward migration of the Mormon pioneers, living in Winter Quarters for a time, and, moving on, arrived in the Salt Lake Valley on August 21, 1852. He worked as a carpenter on the Isaac Chase Mill, the Salt Lake Theatre, and the old Sugar House. In 1863 he was called to St. George to assist in building projects there, including the tabernacle. He spent the remainder of his life in southern Utah.

He was interested in other things besides carpentry work, however. He had an urgent desire to seek out his kindred. Having been separated from his family, he had had little opportunity to know them well or to follow their movements. Yet he dispatched many letters, seeking information about his scattered brothers and other relatives. A few replies were received, and he located one of his brothers, but most of the facts obtained were vague, brief, and far from helpful. He never was able to identify his ancestors adequately.

Many years later, officers of the George Laub family organization began anew to seek out the ancestors of the Laub progenitor. Many hours of time were spent in research. Archive records and Pennsylvania publications were searched; letters were written; volume after volume was diligently reviewed. The net result was a few scattered and disconnected names and facts. Research in Pennsylvania can be difficult. The early records are not the best, and many of them are inaccessible.

One action seemed of little import at the time, but it started an unusual chain of events. In 1936 Raymond Laub, a grandson of George Laub from Simi, California, joined the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society. This membership cntitled him to place one request in the society's magazine for family genealogical information. Accordingly, he placed for publication a statement that he was interested in any information pertaining to a John and Elizabeth Laub, of Lancaster or Berks County, Pennsylvania, who were the supposed grandparents of George Laub. No response was received.

In the meantime other members of the family expended much effort in an attempt to locate family records. None of these searches was successful. A special effort was made three years ago, when an intensive campaign was instituted to locate any and all records pertaining to the Laub family—letters, archive entries, church records, any bit of information. A few new and possibly valuable facts were found, but nothing was of a conclusive nature.

In 1960 a man named Harlan Laub, of Lake City, Pennsylvania, having a keen interest in record work, was busily engaged (Continued on page 918)

SINCE CUMORAH

NEW VOICES FROM THE DUST

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The Olive Tree

• It is Jacob, whose parents had spent most of their days in Jerusalem, and who thought of himself simply as an exile from that place (Jacob 7:26), who quotes the long Parable of the Olive Tree at length from the writings of Zenos: "Behold, my brethren, do ye not remember to have read the words of the prophet Zenos. . . . "(Ibid., 5:1.) We might notice here that apart from all literary considerations Jacob's (or rather Zenos's) treatise of ancient olive culture is accurate in every detail: Olive trees do have to be pruned and cultivated diligently; the top branches are indeed the first to wither, and the new shoots do come right out of the trunk; the olive is indeed the most plastic of trees, surpassing even the willow in its power to survive the most drastic whacking and burning; the trees were commonly planted in vineyard areas, and the word "carmel" can mean either an olive orchard or a vineyard; a good olive tree is greatly cherished, and no end of pains are taken to preserve it even through many centuries, for really superior fruit is very rare and

difficult to obtain and perpetuate; the ancient way of strengthening the old trees (especially in Greece) was to graft in the shoots of the oleaster or wild olive: also, shoots from valuable old trees were transplanted to keep the stock alive after the parent tree should perish; to a surprising degree the olive prefers poor and rocky ground, whereas rich soil produces inferior fruit: too much grafting produces a nondescript and cluttered yield of fruit: the top branches if allowed to grow as in Spain and France, while producing a good shade tree, will indeed sap the strength of the tree and give a poor crop; fertilizing with dung is very important, in spite of the preference for rocky ground, and has been practised since ancient times; the thing to be most guarded against is bitterness in the fruit.76 All these points, taken from a treatise on ancient olive culture, are duly, though quite casually, noted in Zenos's Parable of the Olive Tree. Let the reader peruse this long account in Jacob chapters 5 and 6, and then consider Hymn 10 (also called Hymn 0) of the Thanksgiving Hymns from Qumran:

"I thank thee, O Lord, that thou hast placed me as [or in] a fountain of running water in a desert place . . . irrigating a garden [or orchard] in the desert, where . . . stand planted for thy glory alone, the trees that never die . . . putting forth branches that never wither, taking root before they blossom, reaching out their roots to the stream . . . of living waters." (viii, 1-8.)

So far the general image of the well-watered trees represents the righteous in the desert of the world. Then, more specifically, God's law is described as a special tree, an abused and battered stump, against which the other trees vaunt their superiority, "for they spread far and wide in the vineyard, though their roots do not seek the waters of the stream [i.e., the water of lifel, while the tree which was planted in truth and is destined to bring to flower branches of holiness keeps its secret hidden and sealed, unesteemed and unnoticed." (viii, 9-11.) What better figure for Israel among the nations than that of the tree destined to bear fruit, but for the present a damaged stump among the proud but fruitless "fir, the pine, and the cypress"? (viii, 5, 11-13.)

God has kept the fruit of the tree, we are told next, in secret reserve as long as Israel "did not believe in the Wellspring of life," though the tree remained alive. The image is familiar from some of the earliest Christian writings," and Zenos, who significantly gives no explana-

An ancient olive tree on the slopes of the Mount of Olives. tion of his parable any more than our hymn writer does, has the Lord say:

"... behold, for a long time will I lay up of the fruit of my vineyard unto mine own self against the season, which speedily cometh...." (Jacob 5:76.)

On the other hand, says the hymn, "the trees of the wicked shall be felled [or hewn down] ... and fire shall go forth, and they shall wither." (viii, 19-20.) Compare this with Jacob:

". . . and the bad [shall] be hewn down and cast into the fire. . . " (Jacob 5:66.)

It is not only the main tree that survives, however, for in the end, as in Zenos's story, "... the orchard which I have planted shall bloom fair for ever, ... its trees planted in line of the sun. ... "78 Note the proper technical concern as well as the happy ending. The Lord

tells how, "if I relax my hand, it [the tree] becomes like a thing in the desert, its branches like weeds, like briars and brambles. . . . its leaves fade before the heat; it is not exposed to water. It suffers mishap and disease and becomes a (target) for all manner of blight." (viii, 24-26.) Just so, in Zenos's account, dire consequences followed an interval of inactivity, representing, of course, the time of Israel's distress:

"And it came to pass that a long time had passed away, and the Lord of the vineyard said . . . Come, let us . . . labor again in the vineyard . . . and behold all sorts of fruit did cumber the tree. . . .

"... and there [was] none of it which [was] good it profiteth me nothing...." (Jacob 5:29-32.)

To restore the tree the Lord of the garden must work with a will: "When I apply my hand to dig the furrows thereof," says the Thanksgiving Hymns, "its roots strike even on granite, its stocks are firm-grounded in the earth. . . ." (viii, 22-23.)

Through Zenos the Lord commands: "... dig about the trees, both old and young, first and the last....

"... prepare the way for them, that they may grow." (Jacob 5: 63 f.)

And when this is done, "... the natural branches began to grow and thrive exceedingly; ... and they did keep the root... thereof equal, according to the strength thereof." (V. 73.)

Special care was taken to "pluck from the tree those branches whose fruit is most bitter. . . . " ¹ (See vs. 52, 57, 65, 79.) In our hymn the poet complains that what he has planted has turned to bitterness, and in another of (Continued on page 916)



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• All too often in teaching we try to hold a child's attention before we get it. I would like to recommend a great attention-getter to you. It's puppets! Little toddlers are fascinated by the puppets' movements, growing children find anything they say impressive and memorable, and even teenagers and adults are charmed by them. Anything a puppet says is far more eloquent than the well-worn teachings so often heard from parents. Their third party influence just can't be overestimated. Because of this, puppets rank among the great teachers of all time and frequently provide just the spoonful of sugar needed to help the medicine go down!

Puppets can be easily made in a number of different ways. Paper bags or socks (with faces painted on them) placed over one's hand are the simplest of all. Potato or papier-maché heads or styrofoam balls for heads make them a little more special. Inexpensive doll faces can be purchased from hobby stores. When these faces are stitched to fabric heads, hats, and baglike bodies, they make cute puppets. For a more professional puppet, patterns can be secured for a completely fabric puppet. Clever puppets can also be purchased commercially.

It takes little skill to work with puppets—some of our best puppet lessons have been given by our young children with their own original stories and lesson ideas. (If a child's fingers are too short to manipulate the puppet, have him insert a spoon handle in the puppet's head.) All one must remember is that the



puppet who is speaking waves his arms or nods his head as he does so. The other puppet or puppets on the scene are to be motionless until their turn to speak. A cardboard box decorated by the children makes a fine puppet stage. Also, puppet demonstrations can be effective with the puppets appearing from behind a couch or armchair.

Almost any story can be adapted for puppets just by developing a simple dialogue. It can be very challenging and satisfying to parents to create some original puppet stories to meet needs in teaching their children. Children love to give puppet lessons to each other and to their dolls, and the sermons they preach are remarkable! Following is a sample lesson which has helped our children. We feel it can be of

value in your family, too, because after all, if a puppet says so. it's great!

THE WINNING WAY

Scene I. Saturday morning.

Bruce: Hi, Gary. Where are you going in such a hurry?

Gary: Oh, hello, Bruce. Mr. Stevens from the grocery store just called. He needs some extra help today and asked if I would like the job.

Bruce: Is that all that's making you feel so enthusiastic? Golly, who wants to spend his Saturday working in a grocery store? . . . I'm glad nobody ever calls me for a job.

Gary: I like it. I have to earn five more dollars and I'll have enough (Continued on following page)







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money for swimming lessons this summer. Besides, the last time I worked for Mr. Stevens, he said I had done so well that he gave me an extra fifty-cents for the day. I can't pass up a chance like this. By the way, what are you going to do today?

Bruce: Who, me? Oh, I don't know. I'll just ride around on my bike until I find something to do.

Gary: Well, okay. I'll see you we're to register for swimming lessons. Why don't you take lessons with me? You're ready for the advanced class by now, aren't you?

Bruce: I guess so, but I can't see much reason to go on with lessons. I can paddle around a little bit. Besides, when it's hot I just don't feel like doing anything. Have fun at the grocery store, ha ha! See you later.

Scene II. Next week.

Gary: What's the matter, Bruce? You look terrible.

Bruce: Aw, I'm all right. It's just that these report card days always put me down in the dumps.

Gary: Bad marks, is that right? Bruce: Yeah, and besides that I got several unsatisfactory checks in my citizenship. I wonder who that old Miss Ryan thinks she is. She claims that I don't use my time well and that my work isn't as good as I could do. Gee, what do people expect of one guy? . . Does she pick on you, too, Gary?

Gary: Now, Bruce, you don't really think Miss Ryan would pick on anyone. I bet we get just what we deserve.

Bruce: Yeah, you can say that because you probably got top marks in everything.

Gary: That's right, Bruce, I did get good marks, but I worked hard for them.

Bruce: I'll have to admit, you do work hard, but it seems easy for you to do so.

Gary: I guess that's because I'm used to it. My mom has had me working ever since I can remember. Every moming she gives me a list of chores to do, and she makes me stick with them until they're done right. She really expects a lot of me and makes certain that I work to the best of my ability.

Bruce: Ugh, what a life. I never do anything at home but watch TV. My mother keeps saying I should keep up my room, but all she does is talk about it, so I don't get very worried. Oh, last week I did try to wash the car, but Dad said it looked worse after I was through than it did before and not to mess with that again.

Gary: Boy, if that had been at my home, my dad would have worked with me until I knew how

to make it sparkle.

Bruce: What are your parents trying to do to you, anyway? Don't you ever have any freedom or time

Gary: Oh, sure. I complain about all the work sometimes, but really it's surprising how many hours are left after my chores and studying are done. I have lots of time for Cub Scouts. I just finished my nineteenth model airplane. I've got a collection of them in my room. I'm going camping Friday night with my older brothers. Mmmm, I can taste those juicy hot dogs already. Oh, and right now I've been repainting the tree house I built last year. You should see how neat it's going to be. Really, I have lots of fun. Dad tells me that my duties around the home and yard really help me to have more extra time because they teach me to use my time better.

Bruce: Your parents are really strict. Mine don't seem to care what I do. I don't think I care, either. All they do is punish me when I'm too noisy and take my temperature

when I'm too quiet.

Gary: It's my dinner time. Sorry about your report card. See you later.

Scene III. Summer vacation.

Bruce: Hi, Gary. What are you doing now?

Gary: Hi. Come on and help. Dad said when these weeds are pulled he'd take me swimming. How about pulling a few weeds? I bet Dad would take you swimming!

Bruce: Well . . . okay, it's a deal. Gary (still pulling weeds): Where are you going on your vaca-

tion this year, Bruce? Bruce: Oh, we aren't going anywhere. My folks say we can't af-

Gary: That's too bad. We're going to Disneyland and the beach in California. I guess we couldn't afford it either, except that all of us children have been saving some of our money since last year and are contributing toward the trip. Mother says when we all work together, wonderful things can happen. We've had some great trips this way before. I can hardly wait to go this year.

Bruce: Wow, that really sounds fun. How do you earn your money?

Gary: My two older brothers have part-time jobs, and my sister goes baby sitting and helps a neighbor with her ironing. I've got a paper route and, as you'll remember, I help out at the grocery store once in a while. During the summertime I mow lawns and do vard work around the neighborhood. My little sister puts up the lunches for all of us and earns some money that way.

Bruce: Do you have to donate all your money to family projects or do you have some to spend, too?

Gary: Oh, I have some to spend. Dad has helped me work out a budget. I always put ten percent of my money away for tithing.

Scene IV. Fall day after school.

Bruce: Gary! That's real swell that you've been elected president of our class. You'll be great. Gary: Thanks. I'll sure do my

best. How are things with you?

Bruce: You know, Gary, I've been thinking a lot about you lately. To be honest, I used to think you were the most picked-on, overworked fellow I knew. But I can see now that you get out of life just what you put into it. You have great times with your family. Everybody likes you, and you have lots of friends. You know how to work well and earn money. You get the best grades, and you always have fun, interesting things to do. Now I'm the guy I feel sorry for. Nothing special ever happens to me. I'm sure it's because I never put forth any special effort. I'd give a lot to be like you, Gary. How can I do it?

Garu: That's a real big question. Bruce. Maybe one way would be to have my folks talk to your parents and tell them some of the things we do in our family. They could tell your mother and father how you feel.

Bruce: Gee, that's a great idea!



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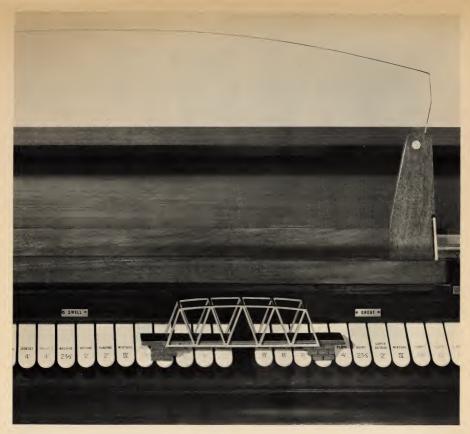
The First Presidency announced the appointment of Elder Frank C. Berg of Salt Lake City as president of the Great Lakes Mission succeeding President Lloyd P. Mickelsen. President Berg filled a mission in the Swiss-German Mission from 1931 to 1934. He has served in a ward bishopric and as a member of a stake high council. He is a former counselor and president of the Monument Park West Stake. He was Germanic area supervisor for the church building committee, 1962-65, where he also served as patriarch to the Berlin and Hamburg stakes. His wife Beatrice Romney Berg and two of their four children will accompany him to this present mission assignment. Elder LeRoi B. Gardner of Berkeley, California, had originally been called by the First Presidency as president of the Great Lakes Mission succeeding President Mickelsen. Elder Gardner suffered a heart attack while attending a mission presidents' seminar in Salt Lake City in June. The First Presidency honorably excused him from his assignment.

It was announced that Elder W. Howard Allen, recently released as president of the Northern California Mission, had been appointed to the general board of the Young Men's Mutual Improvement

Association.

Mrs. Helen Spencer Williams, 68, who for seven years had served as first counselor to General President Lucy G. Cannon of the Young Women's Mutual Improvement Association, died in Salt Lake City. Funeral services were conducted August 12.

The appointment of Elder Thomas S. Monson of the Council of the Twelve to the executive committee of the church missionary committee was announced by the First Presidency. He succeeds Elder Boyd K. Packer, an Assistant to the Council of the Twelve, who is currently serving as president of the New England Mission. Elder Spencer W. Kimball is chairman of the missionary committee and is assisted by Elder (Continued on page 884)



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Gordon B. Hinckley and Elder Monson. These three members of the Council of the Twelve give overall direction to all phases of the missionary program. However, Elder Hinckley is assigned to work with the full-time missions and Elder Monson the stake missions. Elder Hinckley is assisted by Elder A. Theodore Tuttle of the First Council of the Seventy and D. Arthur Haycock, secretary. Elder Monson is assisted by Elder Bruce R. McConkie of the First Council of the Seventy and James Paramore, secretary.

The First Presidency announced that Elder A. Theodore Tuttle of the First Council of the Seventy has been assigned to the church Indian committee succeeding Elder Boyd K. Packer. Elder LeGrand Richards of the Council of the Twelve and Dean Larson, secretary, are members of the committee chairmanned by Elder Spencer W.

Kimball.

Stake conferences resumed this weekend after a brief summer recess.

The Church in continental Europe was moving into a new administrative building, a prewar, gray, four-story building at 9 Ditmarstrasse, Frankfurt am Main, Germany, which was previously occupied by the Belgian consulate general.

Boyd Ottinger Hatch, 48, the far-famed "Scoutmaster on Wheels," died in Salt Lake City of complications of the ailment that kept him confined to a wheelchair for the past eighteen years. At the time of his death he was scoutmaster of five "all boy" Scout troops, some of them handicapped. He was managing editor of The Instructor, the Sunday School magazine of the Church Funeral services were held August 21.

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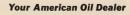














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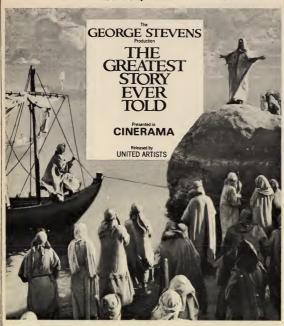
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of the last item advanced, that it is necessary for men to receive an understanding concerning the laws of the heavenly kingdom, before they are permitted to enter it: we mean the celestial glory. So dissimilar are the governments of men, and so diverse are their laws, from the government and laws of heaven, that a man, for instance, hearing that there was a country on this globe called the United States of North America, could take his journey to this place without first learning the laws of governments; but the conditions of God's kingdom are such, that all who are made partakers of that glory, are under the necessity of learning something respecting it previous to their entering into it. Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith, p. 51.

So it is with the kingdom of God as now established in the earth. One must first learn something concerning the nature of its laws, how far reaching they are in relation to the temporal as well as the spiritual salvation of the individual.

We have been taught that a soul cannot be saved in ignorance of the saving principles of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Moreover, he is under the necessity of being loyal and obedient to them. The Lord is always merciful and kind. If we draw near to him, he will draw near to us. "... seek me diligently and ye shall find me; ask, and ye shall receive; knock, and it shall be opened unto you." (D&C 88: 63.) Our chief trouble is we do not seek diligently. Our seeking is superficial. We seem to think that the Lord is bound to hear us without our putting forth much effort. Let diligence and love be our guides, and we shall find the path to eternal life; and let us one and all remember the theme of the Mutual Improvement organization: "He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him." (John 14:21.)

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first day to the last and staked our existence on the result, there was a sublime meaning behind it all. Weary and worn, impoverished but undaunted and now triumphant, we had a moment that was sublime. We gave thanks to God for the noblest of all his blessings, the sense that we had done our duty."

Fourth, the successful MIA leader leads with love. You never find the successful leader scolding nor giving vent to verbal tongue lashing. He rather follows the counsel of President George Albert Smith, who said, "It does not pay to scold. I believe you can get people to do anything (if you can get them to do it at all) by loving them into doing it." Think back to that teacher who influenced you most, and honestly ask yourself, 'Did that teacher love me and my classmates, or did she scold us?" You know the answer. Where love prevails in a class, discipline problems vanish. As you return to your

wards and stakes, conduct a careful appraisal of each teaching situation and, where needed, bring about a greater abundance of love described by President McKay as the noblest attribute of the human soul.

Fifth, the successful MIA leader is prepared. In his mind he has carefully stored full information with respect to his MIA assignment. He knows the program. He knows what is expected of him. He does not approach his assignment just hoping or wishing for success. In his heart he has made spiritual preparation, too. He has earned, through his faithfulness, the companionship of the Holy Spirit. He has knowledge to give. He has a testimony to share. He does not fear, for he knows the promise of the Lord, ". . . if ye are prepared ye shall not fear." (D&C 38:30.) Preparation is not a chore but a joy, when the leader appreciates:

"Who touches a boy by the Master's plan

Is shaping the course of a future man,

Is dealing with one who is human seed,

Who may be the man the world will need."

The unprepared leader, however, will find himself drifting aimlessly on a sea of chance with waves of failure threatening to engulf him.

Sixth, the successful MIA leader achieves results. To begin with, he recognizes that no aim leads to no end. In short, he develops goals of accomplishment. If he be a scoutmaster, he determines that each boy will achieve. His boys will not find themselves in that dreaded "never, never land"—never the object of concern, never the recipient of genuine aid. You see such a leader at every Court of Honor in full uniform, his boys receiving award upon award. Their leader has taught them that we were not placed on earth to fail, but rather to succeed—that we cannot rest content with mediocrity when excellence is within our reach.

Such a leader recognizes that his attitude determines his altitude. He knows full well that nothing is





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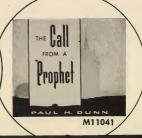
as contagious as enthusiasm unless it is a lack of enthusiasm. He carries others to accomplishment through the sheer strength of his overwhelming desire to bring success to his assignment. The MIA executive who gets the job done is one who inspires confidence, who motivates action, and who generates enthusiasm. You will ever recognize his work, for it will be well done.

This then is the description, yes, the definition, of the successful MIA leader. Neither wealth, nor fame, nor any other instrument of power can ever be more reliable in assuring him security and peace of mind than the knowledge of having inspired gratitude in another. Such was Sister Hansen, the faithful teacher of a Laurel class of lovely young girls in a branch several thousand miles from here. In her class was lovely Betty, one who had been subjected to great stress and temptation to leave the pathway of truth and follow the detour of sin. Through the constant persuasions of her classmates at school, she had agreed that this would be her choice. The plan was designed. She would attend opening exercises of MIA, even the first part of the class that she might appear on the roll as being present, and then there would be the sound of an automobile horn to announce to her that her girl friend and their dates, who were older and far more experienced than Betty, were at hand, and the night of the carefully arranged escapade of sin would begin. Then she would be one of the inner circle. But before calling the roll that night, this humble, loving teacher announced to the class that a shipment from church headquarters had arrived at her home that very day. She had opened the packages and found copies of a pamphlet written by Elder Mark E. Petersen. Its subject-chastity. Sister Hansen then said: "I feel impressed to leave for another week our lesson scheduled for tonight and want, rather, to review with you the inspiration of this pamphlet. We will each read a paragraph or two aloud that all might participate.' Sister Hansen looked at each of her precious girls and then said, "Betty, will you begin?" Betty looked at the clock—just two minutes before the scheduled rendezvous. She began to read. Her heart was touched, her conscience awakened, her determination renewed. She scarcely heard the repeated sound of the automobile horn. She remained throughout the class and drove home with her teacher, her guide, her friend. The temptation to detour from God's approved way had been averted. Satan had been frustrated: a soul saved! A successful MIA leader revealed.

It is significant that when Betty and Sister Hansen knelt in prayer in their respective homes that night, each thanked Heavenly Father for MIA. And today I express my gratitude for MIA and particularly for you, its successful leaders. With all my heart I pray that our Heavenly Father will ever guide us as we incorporate into our lives and into our teachings these identifying traits of a successful MIA leader. I pray in the name of Iesus Christ. Amen.







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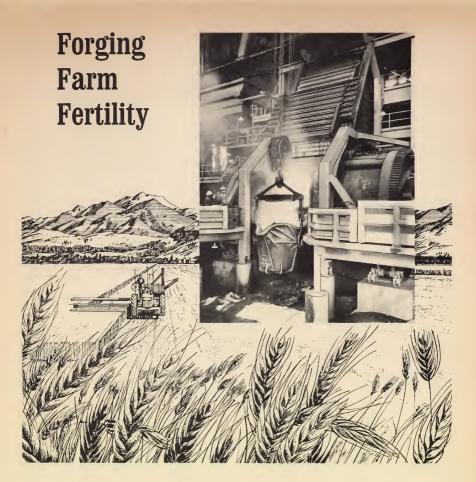
Lord he is wrong if our so-called scientific laws differ from what he has revealed.

One other concept needs consideration. This is the concept of the scale of observation. This means that you have to know from what position an observation is made before correct interpretation can be made; for example, if you mix equal parts of white and black sand, you will have a gray mixture. This we will all agree on. However, the microbe would see only huge white and black boulders. It would be foolish for us to argue about what we see with the microbe, for we are both right. The difference lies in the scale of observation. Don't forget this. We interpret the world from our scale of observation, while God sees it from his.

Now, some have criticized religion because it is something that can't be seen, but neither can the electron or the atom. This reminds us of an important truth-that the existence of some things is proved not by its measurability, but by the effects it has on other things. Certainly we all know of the effects God and the gospel have had on each of us. We cannot deny the existence of God just because we cannot see him. Most of us have been touched by the Holy Ghost, and thus we know of his existence just as surely as the physicist knows of the atom, a particle he has never seen.

Now what does all this mean? To me this means that when science and religion conflict, one of several things has occurred. First, men may be talking about two unrelated topics. Second, two different scales of observation may account for the difference. Third, science may have gathered incorrect or incomplete facts and observations. Fourth, science may have gathered correct facts but may be interpreting them wrong. Fifth, men may be teaching false revelation. It is the corrupt religious teaching from the dark ages that conflicts with science most. I know of no revealed truths of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints that conflict with the teachings of science, unless

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the conflict is in men's minds, for truth is truth, "eternal, unchanged, evermore." (John Jaques, "Oh Say, What Is Truth?" *Hymns*, 143.)

The Prophet Alma taught an important lesson when he was teaching his son Corianton about the resurrection. He stated what he knew, and then of what he did not know he said, ". . . it mattereth not; . . ." (Alma 40:5.) We do not have all the answers. There are many mysteries. But we do have all the knowledge necessary to exaltation. Whenever I am confronted with an apparent conflict between science and religion that I cannot solve with my knowledge of science and the Church, I say to myself, "It mattereth not." I keep the conflict out where it cannot disturb me. Mormon tells us this in the preface to the Book of Mormon. '-And now, if there are faults they are the mistakes of men; wherefore, condemn not the things of God, . . ." I would like to paraphrase this and say, "If there is a conflict between religion and science, it is due to the mistakes of men; therefore, condemn not the things of God, that ve may be found spotless at the judgment seat of Christ.'

Science has taught me the wonders of the universe. It has shown me the intelligence and handiwork of God. I see his hand in all of nature. As I study the intricate human body, I learn over and over and over that only God could have created us. I think most scientists agree that life was created by a Supreme Being. Even their own laws of harmer worse this

laws of chance prove this.

I know there is a God. I know that he rules the universe. I know that he answers prayers. I do not have a perfect knowledge of him and his gospel yet, because I do not have an eye single to his glory. But I am growing in the gospel. My testimony is growing. I know the Holy Ghost exists because I have felt his influence. I believe with all my heart, might, mind, and soul that all the presidents of this Church have been prophets of God, that this Church is true, that the Book of Mormon is true, and that Christ lives and will come again. Last, but not least, remember this when science shakes your faith: that the Lord has declared that the wisdom of the wise shall perish when he comes. I pray we may all be faithful to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints all our lives.

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common man of all societies and cultures of every era, have given testimony that man is more than flesh and bones. Even more importantly, the greatest books and the most inspiring records of human history testify most eloquently that the nonphysical nature of man is his finest. Actually, man is a spirit who has been given a tabernacle of flesh in order to enjoy special experiences on this earth.

Then, if man is also spirit, is there a method which is available to him so that he may acquire spiritual knowledge? Since the scientific method is limited to the measurement of phenomena that exist or occur only within the realm of the empirical, can man use some other method to understand the nonempirical realm?

The answer is simple and logical: Man can use a method based on nonphysical criteria, a method that demands the use of the spiritual "senses" of man. To use his spiritual senses means that man can use belief, trust, hope, faith, and all other sentiments, as well as all his intellectual powers, in order to recognize, acquire, and accept spiritual knowledge. True religious knowledge is of this type. It is knowledge that comes to man when he applies the method that uses the unquestionably real powers of his spiritual nature.

So, while the testimony of man's physical senses has been designated by the world as the only criterion for scientific truth, the testimony of the complete human being, particularly his spiritual senses, can provide him with religious truth.

The method of acquiring religious truth is called revelation. Religious truth is essentially revealed truth. The method of

revelation requires the exercise of the spiritual senses. When man uses this method, he is using his greatest assets as a human being, for with this method he can have access to a type of knowledge that can fulfill his deepest and most fundamental needs. He can get the answers to questions that cannot be answered in any other way, such as the purpose of life, the meaning of death, the nature of man's relationship to other men, and, most important, the nature of this relationship to the Creator of this marvelous universe.

Both the scientific method and the religious method impose definite limitations for their use. And their mutual exclusiveness is more a matter of order and practicality than an inherent differentiation. For both methods are entirely functional within their own respective realm. The method of revelation demands that man acknowledge the limitations of his physical nature. It demands the recognition by man that his dependence on empirical knowledge alone cannot possibly satisfy his constant yearning for the explanation of all his physical, emotional, and intellectual experiences. The sooner man accepts the limitations of his physical nature, the sooner he develops his ability to exercise his spiritual nature. On the other hand, the more he disregards his spiritual nature in the quest for truth, the more he produces science without humanism.

The wise man who is able to understand and accept these two methods soon realizes that the scientific method is really the human approach to the acquisition of truth and that revelation is the Creator's approach to the dispensation of truth and that in both cases man is the beneficiary. Furthermore, it soon becomes very evident that both methods are correct, legitimate, and designed to enrich man with a knowledge of things as they have been, things as they are, and things as they are to become.

Unfortunately it is when man confuses the two methods that some of the conflicts between science and religion seem to arise. For if man attempts to acquire religious truth by using the scientific method only, that is by using (Continued on page 896)

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his physical senses alone, he fails. He fails for two main reasons. First, he fails because, in using the scientific method to investigate spiritual phenomena, he violates the basic requirement of that method, which is to restrict its use to physical phenomena that can be brought within the perception of the physical senses and which can be measured repeatedly and at will. Second, he fails because he is not using all his powers and assets as a human being. That is to say, he is not using his spiritual nature.

But can a man be a scientist and also a religious man? Yes, if that man is willing to fulfil the require-ments of the two methods of discovering truth, he can. For ultimately the two methods of discovering truth are not mutually exclusive. That is, they do not contradict one another. As stated before, they are different only in that they investigate different levels or different dimensions of reality and for practical reasons each must impose certain limitations for its use.

If man is interested in all truth, whatever its level, he must learn to use the two methods. The one method he can learn to use by personal dedication and untiring effort. The other he can learn to use mostly, though not solely, by being receptive of the truth which is revealed through the appointed

I personally testify that this can be done. I testify that I have used these two methods and have found no difficulty or contradiction in doing so. And I testify that I have never felt the need to compromise with the principles of discovering truth at any level. The more I study and learn about science and religion, the more I realize that the two fields are really one just as I have come to realize that the physical and the spiritual nature of man are really one eternal entity,

> GROWING PAINS BY SHIRLEY BENTON KERR Newly clad children (As all mothers know) Are all dressed up . . . And ready to grow.

and both form the human soul.

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of his children. Our religious knowledge stems mainly from this source. In fact, the very basis of our Church is revelation. We have this process by which we can gain knowledge directly from the source of all knowledge.

Of course, in both fields we can gain much by study of other people's writings, scientific papers, textbooks, and the scriptures, and by independent reasoning.

Many times in physics we can correlate a fairly large number of facts by the use of some theory which someone may advance. These theories are often able to predict new physical phenomena. But, alas, the history of physics has been one of disproving old theories and forming new ones. As our experimental knowledge becomes more exact, we eventually find a mistake in the old theory and have to replace it by a new one. In my youth I had the opinion that scientists knew everything. Since then I have found out that science has only solved the easy problems, leaving many of the more difficult ones as yet unsolved. I have also learned that many of the things that scientists assume to know are wrong.

In our religion we get our predictions not from some man's mathematical theory but from prophets who receive revelation directly from God. Which would you say is more reliable? Sometimes men fail to recognize when one of these prophecies is fulfilled, but we have the assurance that they will come to pass.

I see the laws of nature as God's tools by which he governs the universe. Men have an imperfect knowledge of these tools, but it is desirable that they should study and learn more of God's natural laws as well as his spiritual laws.

I think that we will never be able to prove religion through science. This would, in my opinion, take away too much of man's free agency. It would force the scientifically educated man to believe in the principles of the gospel. Such is not a part of God's plan. In all my training in the Church

and in the fields of science. I fail

to see any place in which the teachings of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints conflict with well-established scientific principles. I would also say that our Church meets these requirements far better than any other that I have encountered.

I further advise anyone that if he wishes to know the truth of any principle, the only way he can be sure is to ask of God. That he will answer man's humble prayers and that this gospel is true is my testimony to you, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

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in different ways at different times according to the will of God. Frequently, the result of a religious experiment cannot be examined in the light of human reason, nor should it be; for example, an experiment in righteous living accompanied by prayer can lead to the conclusion that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and the Redeemer of the world. Human reason alone will not lead to this conclusion.

A perfect knowledge of either a scientific or a religious truth is seldom achieved. Almost always there is an element of uncertainty. Contrary to popular opinion, nothing in science can be proved absolutely. The experimental procedure may alter the system being studied. As an illustration, to study the arrangement of particles in a soil, a sample of soil may be removed from the ground. But the act of removing the soil may disturb the particle arrangement or the instruments used in an experiment may be insufficiently sensitive. The analytical balance cannot weigh the loss of mass in a chemical reaction. But this does not mean that a loss of mass does not occur. And, regardless of how many experiments support a given idea, there is always the possibility that the next experiment will disprove it. In religion, a perfect knowledge can come only by revelation. There are few, however, who qualify to receive it. We may have little desire to learn the truth. Perhaps we don't study enough. Our experiments may be inade-

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quate. Or, possibly, our "spiritual senses" may not be sufficiently developed by practice to receive clearly the communications from our Father in heaven. In the absence of a perfect knowledge, faith is essential in both science and religion and, in my opinion, no more in one than in the other.

No one in a lifetime can perform all the experiments, scientific or religious, that are necessary to establish the truthfulness of an idea or belief. Therefore, we must rely on the experiences of others to some extent. We should consider carefully the experiences and resulting ideas of such men as Pasteur, Newton, and Einstein. And just as carefully, or more so, we should consider the experiences and concepts of Abraham, Moses, Paul, etc. These were men of great scientific and religious stature. They earnestly sought the truth and discovered a goodly amount of it. There is much of great consequence that we can learn from them and others like them.

In conclusion, I would like to say that I respect science and the scientific method. I enjoy being a scientist. I feel that my scientific efforts are disclosing truth and aiding mankind. I would encourage every young person to consider science as a career. However, it is my testimony that the gospel of Jesus Christ is more important to our eternal welfare than science. It is more important to have answers to the questions "Where did I come from? Why am I here? Where am I going? How do I get there?" than it is to know the chemistry of a clay particle, the biology of a whale, or the physics of transistors. For this reason, on any scale of values, religion should have top priority. "For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" (Mark 8:36.)

FLY SOUTH BY ORMA WALLENGREN

Autumn, mountain-born Sweeping down, Red and brown, Come now, gently warn Larks and swallows: Winter follows.

Space Ships and Acorns (Continued from page 865)

senseless oak? And what made them come out at just the very right day of the year instead of waiting until autumn was closing in, when soon they would have been frozen black with the cold of winter?" And to all of these questions Alan could only shake his head slowly.

"Even the wisest are puzzled and perplexed over these simple things," his uncle added, and then, "Alan, how many men-engineers, men of science, and general workers—do you think it took to send up our

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With a barometer?
Can you understand
The law of gravity
By testing the freezing point
Of mud at its greatest
Density?

There is no God By knowledge's rules? Friend. Examine your tools.

To discover God
You must form your plan
To the nature
Of God Himself,
Not the nature of man.
The only key
Is that forgotten
Faculty
That pulses through you
Now and then,
Eluding the hand
And startling the mind.
Spirit, it's called.

Friend, You will not find God through mistaken tools. Who weighs a stone With a measuring tape? Fools.

first space satellite? A thousand? Two thousand? Or most likely ten thousand?"

"I don't know," the boy answered. "More, I suppose, than I could ever guess."

"And smart as they all are," his uncle went on, "not all ten thousand of them, working together, could produce these little acorns or even know all of the magic and

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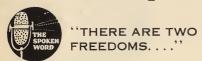
wonder in them. And part of the magic in them is shown when they fall off the tree in the autumn, go into the ground later, then much later will come up, and in time will be as large as these oaks we see, with the help of no one and in spite of so many things against them!

"It seems, Alan, that all around us are wonders we see every day. But we just take them for granted and never try to discover how great and marvelous are the Creator's laws and his marvels. So let us do

our share of peering here and we may." So, as if on a great adventure, they went swinging of through the grove toward the stream which they could faintly hear in the distance.

"If we find something new for ourselves that we've never discovered before, we might say we were the very first ever to discover

"What do you know about that!" Alan exclaimed, his eyes showing his interest.



RICHARD L. EVANS

Two words come to mind, inseparably associated: These two are liberty and law. Disrespect for law is incompatible with what our fathers gave us -with what God has given us. Disrespect for law is incompatible with a safe and orderly and sound and prosperous society. We have mentioned before that the Lord God has not repealed the commandments or the basic laws of life, nor can any man repeal them. The laws of cause and consequence are always operative. In an ancient record we read of one who was made "... chief judge and governor over the people, with an oath and sacred ordinance to judge righteously, and to keep the peace and the freedom of the people, and to grant unto them their sacred privileges to worship the Lord their God, ... and to bring the wicked to justice according to their crime." These are deeply searching words: to judge righteously, to keep the peace and freedom of the people, to preserve the right to worship, to bring the wicked to justice. And anyone who encourages lawlessness, or who is indifferent to lawlessness, must have failed grossly to take cause and consequence into account. only road to liberty," said Thomas O'Shaughnessy, "is through obedience."2 "There are two freedoms," said Charles Kingsley, "the false where one is free to do what he likes, and the true where he is free to do what he ought."3 As to the misconception that because it is a divine right, freedom will perpetuate itself-nothing could be further from the fact. In a sense we might consider health to be a divine right, but unless we live the laws of health, we surely lose it. Happiness in a sense is also considered to be a divine right. Certainly it is the intent of the Father of us all that his children should have happiness; but it doesn't come without effort; it doesn't stay if we abuse it. And it doesn't live in violation of law. When we ignore any law, we realize the results. And those who flaunt the law, those who encourage the flaunting of law, those who are lax in observing to uphold the law are doing a deeper disservice to freedom and peace and prosperity and to the safety and soundness of society than they can calculate. "Only the disciplined are free." "Our Father's God to thee, Author of liberty, To thee we sing. Long may our land be bright With freedom's holy light. Protect us by thy might, great God, our King!"5

At the stream they found more birch trees, for these thrive best by tumbling brooks and streams. Maples were there too, and shrubs and plants of many kinds. Alan sprang to a large rock that stood partly in the stream and stood there for some time, taking in the beauty of the scene.

What a lovely place this is, thought Alan; how sweet the summer day, the soft, balmy air.

His uncle seemed to read his thoughts, for he said, "Yes, how pleasant the day is now, but let's go back to last January when it was far below zero here, and everything around us was frozen solid, far colder than it is in your mother's deep freeze at home. Trees and buds that now are the leaves you see, and roots and seeds and earth were in a state of deep, deep freeze. How could they ever grow again; why didn't they turn brown and black and die like a southern palm tree surely would have done?"

To this puzzling question Alan could only shake his head, for he had never once thought of how a northern tree or plant could recover after being frozen solid. By what master plan is this done? That, it seems, is something we still have

to learn.

"What, Alan, if the Creator had not prepared and provided for our use this great plan and if only in the tropics trees and plants could grow? Then no robins could ever have built their nests in apple trees because there would have been no apple trees in which to build nests, nor woods nor forests in all our northern lands.

"And no sheep could ever have fed in our green meadows because there would have been no meadows, nor meadow buttercups or daisies. Now you can see the importance of certain things, Alan, and marvels far greater than in a

space ship taking off to the moon."
"Yes, but don't you want me to read about rockets and astronauts and space ships?" asked Alan.

"Of course I do," his uncle assured him, "all about them and the brave things the astronauts are doing, but also to remember what I have told you about the wonders around us-things that baffle us with their secrets and make it exciting for us to try to discover them.

"That big maple there," his uncle went on, "has a thousand leaves,

^{&#}x27;Alma 50:39.
"Thomas O'Shaughnessy, "Liberty and Freedom," Overland Monthly, September 1918.
'Charles Kingsley. C. Penney (also other sources).
'Samuel F. Smith, "America."

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all with the same basic shape. What plan makes them grow so alike; why don't they just grow in a thousand different shapes?"

Alan now could tell that his uncle was only trying to open the door to the many delightful quests and searches as to the wonders that lay all around him, all waiting for the keen eyes of any boy eager enough to try.

What a world of adventure he now saw for the first time in the very things he had accepted as part of his small world, things which weren't wonders until this

very day and moment.

And now they were. Yes, and as if by magic they were and in such plenty that he could explore them for times untold; yes, for pleasant times untold he could explore them.

Teaching

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has written on this subject:

"He is a being of God's own make, under his control, subject to his will, cast out of Heaven for rebellion; and when his services can be dispensed with, an angel will cast him into the bottomless pit. Can he fight against and overcome God? verily, No! Can he alter the designs of God? verily, No! Satan may rage; but the Lord can confine him within proper limits. He may instigate rebellion against God, but the Lord can bind him in chains." (The Gov-

ernment of God, p. 81.)

How does the devil seek to accomplish his purposes? There are various means by which the devil seeks to lead men from the path of righteousness. Nephi taught that the devil influences men to deny the power of God and to deny that there is a God. He influences them to teach that this is not a day of miracles. He influences them to proclaim that we may "eat, drink, and be merry, for tomorrow we die." He influences them to believe that God "will justify in committing a little sin," in taking "advantage of one because of his words," in digging a pit for one's neighbor. He influences men to teach false and vain and foolish doctrines. He influences the wise, the learned, and the rich to be puffed up in their pride and to follow after him. He pacifies and lulls some men away into "carnal security." He

cheats some and leads "them away carefully down to hell." He flatters others and tells them "there is no hell." He whispers into the ears of many that he is no devil. He influences men and women to hearken unto the precepts of men and to deny the power of God and the gift of the Holy Chost. He influences others to say, "We have received the word of God, and we need no more of the word of God for we have enough." (See 2 Nephi 28.)

Moses recorded that the devil is "the father of all lies" and that his work is "to deceive and to blind men, and to lead them captive at his will, even as many as would not hearken" unto the Lord.

(Moses 4:4.)

Amulek testified regarding the power of the devil to enslave

mortal men as follows:

"For behold, this life is the time for men to prepare to meet God; yea, behold the day of this life is the day for men to perform their

'And now, as I said unto you before, as ye have had so many witnesses, therefore, I beseech of you that ye do not procrastinate the day of your repentance until the end; for after this day of life, which is given us to prepare for eternity, behold, if we do not improve our time while in this life. then cometh the night of darkness wherein there can be no labor performed.

"Ye cannot say, when ye are brought to that awful crisis, that I will repent, that I will return to my God. Nay, ye cannot say this; for that same spirit which doth

SOMEDAY BY ROWENA CHENEY

Such a little fellow now . . . He does not understand: He digs in it and calls it "dirt"-But Dad says, "It's my land,"

And adds, with deep parental pride, "This farm someday will be My son's-all this. And very soon He'll be a help to me."

Such a little fellow now With laughter in his eyes . . . Someday he'll say, "This is my land!" But now it's just mud pies!

possess your bodies at the time that ye go out of this life, that same spirit will have power to possess your body in that eternal world.

"For behold, if ye have procrastinated the day of your re-pentance even until death, behold, ye have become subjected to the spirit of the devil, and he doth seal you his; therefore, the Spirit of the Lord hath withdrawn from you, and hath no place in you, and the devil hath all power over you; and this is the final state of the wicked.

"And this I know, because the Lord hath said he dwelleth not in unholy temples, but in the hearts of the righteous doth he dwell, . . ."

(Alma 34:32-36.)

In every situation in life wherein good and evil are presented to us, the Lord stands ready to assist us to do good while the devil constantly influences us to do evil. We make the decision, and the decision we make makes us. As Amulek taught, it is possible for mortal man to become subjected to the power of Satan by following the path of sin and disobedience and

refusing to repent.

Lucifer, son of the morning, is real. He can and does exert his power and influence over both the physical and intellectual capacities of man as was witnessed by Joseph Smith at the time of the first vision. This truth also has been made known to many other individuals in this mortal life. Satan is a spirit person who stands at the head of an army of evil spirits who are constantly trying to retard the onward progress of the kingdom of God. He labors in many ways to influence men and women to turn from the paths of righteousness. He is the archenemy of God and man. He is the father of lies and deceptions. He is the enemy and opposer of Jesus. He is the accuser of the brethren. He labors not to create, but to destroy. He has the power to transform himself into an angel of light. He can imitate the things of God. He is the one who sought to rob man of that which is next to life itself-free agency. He is and will always be an enemy to God, truth, and righteousness. He is a spirit child of our Heavenly Father who was cast out of his presence for rebellion and is called Perdition.



US Ambassador James W. Riddleberger briefs cast at embassy before week-long activities in Vienna, Austria.

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public interviews at which the State Department hoped the person-to-person contact with foreign students would toster mutual understanding and better relations among nations.

Foreign students everywhere were loaded with questions about America: Do you still kill Indians? What is democracy? Do you believe in morality? Why do you think capitalism is good? Could I live safely in the United States? Are Americans like the movies show them? Is everyone expected to divorce once? Do you believe in God?

A general pattern of the type of question that would be asked soon established itself. Answers came forthrightly and with sincerity, disarming any antagonism present.

"Those four months were a testinow. I became eternally grateful
for every church talk and every
MIA speech contest I had ever entered and for all the opportunities
that the Church provides to help
us learn how to express ourselves,"
said singer Janice Williams of
Rupert, Idaho.

"As a result of this tour," said drummer Bernett of Riverton, Utah, "we think we know some of the answers to some of the world's problems. But more than that, we learned that there is nothing stronger than love. That's why we were successful, because we had been raised in a church

that teaches us to give love, concern, and genuineness to those around us," he said.

One State Department official said, "I don't know what makes you different from other groups;

all I know is that I wish more of us had what you have. Your tour has been one of the most fantastically successful tours ever sent abroad in the hopes of spreading goodwill among mankind."



BYU show represented the United States in far-off Peradeniya, Ceylon.



Vice Mayor Mandl of Vienna receiving BYU group in the beautiful Roter Salon (red chamber) of the town hall.





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• Football is a game played by eleven men against eleven other men. Each group of eleven is determined to carry an inflated ball across a line at the end of a hundred-yard long field as many times as it can in one hour of playing time, at the same time preventing the opposing team from doing the same thing at the opposite end of the field. There is offense and defense. There is planning and counterplanning. There is shifting of strategy

as one side checks the other and foils its effort.

It was during such a contest that each team could not seem to gain ground against the other. The offensive plays were perfectly performed, but the defense against each play was equally perfect. And so the teams seesawed up and down the field, each carrying or passing the ball for three downs and kicking on the fourth.

Home Teachers, like football players, should be



There came a time in the game when the home team began to make a little ground—not much, but enough to hold the ball for twelve successive plays. The quarterback began to run plays just outside of the opponent's left tackle, and he kept it up. It got so monotonous to the opposition that in spite of itself the right side began to relax just a little. And furthermore, in spite of instructions from the coach to keep outside the play, the right

alert for changes



end began to pull in closer in order to assist the beleaguered tackle who was absorbing the punishment of the sustained drive against him.

On the eleventh play the right end of the opposition dived into the play to help break it up. In the huddle following, the left end of the offensive team reported that the opposing right end had been "sucked in." Immediately the quarterback called for a fake drive through the same hole, with a lateral out to the left at the last moment. The play looked exactly like the previous play except for the last moment lateral. The end was fooled and dived into the play, leaving his end unguarded. The lateral to a swift halfback resulted in a touchdown and victory.

When the left end reported to the quarter-back that the opposing end was "sucked in" on the last play, he was making an oral evaluation of a situation—a very liquid, changing situation. And when the quarterback learned of the situation, he knew what to do to take advantage of it; he directed his own forces to a successful effort.

Conditions change in the homes of church members. The home teacher must be alert to watch for changes. In those homes where the heads of families are not active and where constant visiting seemingly gets one nowhere, then is the time to report to the "quarterback," who is the group leader or quorum president. He surveys the situation; they talk it over, and earnestly try to find openings, to discover means of reaching the head of the house.

For the discouraged home teacher who feels that he is making no progress, the oral evaluations can be the best means he may have available to discover what is the trouble. He is up against the problem of reaching a brother. Someone not so near who sees the working of the whole team will be able to discover the weak spot in the defense of the member and drive his team through to victory, which is the reestablishment of faith and hope in the soul of the member. The oral evaluation makes the solution of difficult home teaching problems possible.



BY DALE GEORGE KARREN

Dale George Karren was born April 1, 1948, in Logan, Utah. He is the son of M. Ted and Lois A. Karren.

Dale is a priest in the 22nd Ward, East Cache Stake, and is also an Eagle Scout and an honorroll student at Logan High

He enjoys participating in all athletic activities, especially basketball.

• I have never been asked to attend a church meeting that my parents themselves would not attend. My mother never sent me to Sunday School; she always took me. My father never sends my brothers and me to priesthood meeting; he always takes us, and I attend Sacrament meeting with my family. It has never been difficult for me to pay tithing because my father has always done so. Because of the many friends I have who practise the Word of Wisdom. I find it much easier to eat and drink the things which I should.

Example is more powerful than precept. To see someone who lives the commandments of God is far more impressive to me than to hear them spoken. It is much easier for me to live the principles of the gospel if I see others living them. The greatest example I have had is the life of Jesus Christ. He never asked anyone to do something he was not willing to do himself. By example he taught us how to pray, fast, and worship God. My parents have also tried to teach me in this manner.

My priests' quorum adviser has helped me realize

BY EDWARD L. GRAMPP. JR.



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 It has been said by many of the people with whom I associate that the Mormons are truly a peculiar sect. This being the case, I respond, "It's great to be different."

Should a Latter-day Saint examine the innumerable religions of the world, he would undoubtedly arrive at the conclusion that vast dissimilarities exist among these sects. Further comparison of the doctrines and activities of each particular church would lead the individual to the conclusion that the Mormon Church is unique.

One of the most manifest peculiarities in our Church is the Word of Wisdom. Through our adherence to this law, we have gained the respect of many people of the world. I have experienced ridicule for my belief that tobacco and alcohol should not be inhaled nor consumed by the body, but in almost all cases I could sense a feeling of respect.

Still other activities and traits set the Latter-day Saint apart from the average individual. Tithing, the ancient law in which God asks of us one tenth of our the importance of the priesthood through his actions. One Sunday morning in priesthood meeting, he gave the quorum a lesson on the Sacrament. He explained the purpose of the Sacrament and how it should be administered. Then he assigned himself to help me with the Sacrament in Sunday School. Having this adviser administer the Sacrament with me that morning was more effective and forceful than any lesson I could have heard.

Since my two older brothers have accepted calls to serve as missionaries, I have been able to see the importance of teaching the gospel. By striving to understand people from other lands better, I hope to prepare myself to respond to a mission call when it comes. On many occasions I find myself sitting across the dinner table from a boy from Iran, or a handsome, turbaned student from India, or a traveling group from France. It seems at these times we always gain more than we give. This year it will be my experience to welcome a boy from Sweden to share my room and my home through the American Field Service Program.

If one picks out the great leaders of the present or the past, the trait of humility is invariably present. I believe that in order for me to accept the teachings of the Church and become a leader, I must be humble and willing to learn. I have always had a good example of humility set for me in my home. I try to accept blessings, both material and spiritual, with graciousness.

Every day there are countless opportunities for me to teach what I believe without uttering a word. I constantly influence my neighbors, friends, and family. I either lift them up or pull them down. I can teach my younger brothers and sister to be kind to one another if I am kind to them. If I always do my share of the work in the home and do what I am asked, I can teach them to be obedient and take responsibility. By being a living example of the teachings of the Church, I can help the boy living down the street who is not a member of the Church. I believe that it is my responsibility to live the teachings of the gospel so that I can influence others to live finer, more rewarding lives.

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increase, is paid by members of the Church. On the Sabbath we attempt to forsake some of our activities in order to keep the day holy as the Lord commanded, instead of washing the car or journeying to the local ball park. Once a month we abstain from food for a day. Whereas many of our friends attend church only once every Sunday, we are kept active by attending two or three meetings each Sunday, as well as Primary, MIA, and Relief Society throughout the week. Here in the eastern part of the United States, seminary is available to the youth only before school, very early in the morning, so a sacrifice must be made in order to take advantage of this opportunity.

When Latter-day Saint boys reach age nineteen, another opportunity to display their peculiarity is afforded them. Thousands of young men leave each year for missions—two or more years of long, hard toil. These boys receive no pay in monetary value, but are richly rewarded spiritually for their efforts. In a little less than two years, I hope to be sent on a mission myself, for I realize that it will be one

of the most treasured experiences of my life.

Complex and changing is our society today. Coinciding with these new times is the modification of social codes, some of which are the crafty and evil designs of men. I feel it is important that we as Latter-day Saints realize the dangers of conforming to some of these practices and accept the challenge of being different. Indeed, we should remember the thirteenth article of faith when choosing which path to follow: "We believe in being honest, true, chaste, benevolent, virtuous, and in doing good to all men; . . . If there is anything virtuous, lovely, or of good report or praiseworthy, we seek after these things."

After having listed some peculiarities of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, a general conclusion can be drawn. Mormons seek joy through work, service, and sacrifice rather than temporary satisfaction through indulgence in the pleasures of life. Why is this so?

Whereas many people in the world today have their doubts as to the (Continued on page 916)

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● Cool days, cooler evenings, hearty appetites, and a harvest of good things to eat are the ingredients of which stews are made. Who can resist the aroma, let alone the delicious flavor, of a stew carefully blended, slowly cooked, and lovingly served? Perhaps four-and-twenty blackbirds composed Old King Cole's dinner, but today we can turn to any of a dozen delicious

meat and vegetable combinations and come up with an elegant stew.

Stews can grace a formal dinner as well as a hurried-up supper on a busy housecleaning day. Only your imagination can limit the array of appetizing stews you can place before your family. This type of dinner cannot be concocted in minutes; it has to be built in hours; but stews are even more delicious as their flavors blend on the second day. At this time all there is to do is just heat and bring goodness to the table in a matter of minutes.

The word "stew" has another connotation: A person can be in a stew. This stew also takes hours, days, and sometimes a lifetime to concoct. Some people are always in a stew, always in some difficulty, in a dilemma, in a predicament. This kind of stew raises one's blood pressure and lowers one's likeability. Relaxation and stewing do not go together. Energy and dispositions can be evaporated in a stew. A

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person always in hot water has an affinity to stewing. We say he is tied up in knots, walking in a maze, living in an entanglement, and will surely muddle along and finally make a mess of his life.

A woman who fusses over everything that happens to her and everything that fails to happen will never be popular, liked, or loved. A stewer is a worrier over little things. If you are a stewer, it would be best to sit down and do some positive thinking. Decide, when you start to stew, to replace the thought with a

positive, happy one. Thoughts are a little like water in a jug. If a jug is full of water, there is no room for anything else. Very few things we worry about ever happen, so how

foolish we are to use up our energy and waste a minute of our time on them. Life is so short there is no time to stew.

Back again to the good kind of stews. Every country has its own specialty. Seasonings are the main differences as we travel the world over. There is a mild, tender lamb stew, a hot chicken chili stew, and every degree in between. Why don't you try some of these unusual stews on your family the first cold day?

Beef is a standby around the world, and this stew is an extra special dividend served on rice or noodles. Start it cooking early enough so that the meat will be tender. It is the seasoning that makes it different.

Beef Rhapsody (6 servings)

- 2 pounds boneless beef, cut in 1-inch cubes
- ½ cup flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon pepper
- 1 tablespoon lard or drippings
- 2 cups water
- 4 tablespoons grated onion
- 1 bay leaf
- 1 package frozen peas
- 1 cup dairy sour cream
- 1 tablespoon prepared horseradish

Combine the flour, salt, and pepper. Dredge the meat in seasoned flour. Brown in the fat. Pour off the drippings. Add the water, onion, and bay leaf. Cover tightly and cook slowly about 2 hours or until the meat is tender. Add the frozen peas and cook just until tender. Discard the bay leaf. Add a little thickening if necessary. Stir in the sour cream and horse-radish and cook just until heated through.

Ox joints provide a rich flavor and are budget-wise. The meat should be cooked 3 or 4 hours until it falls from the hone.

Gourmet Stew (6 servings)

- 3 or 4 pounds ox joints
- ¼ cup flour
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 2 tablespoons lard or drippings
- 1 4-ounce can mushrooms
- 1 bay leaf
- 4 whole peppercorns
- 1 onion, sliced
- 1/8 teaspoon thyme

Water

Flour for gravy

Combine flour, salt, and pepper. Dredge ox joints in seasoned flour. Brown in fat. Pour off drippings. Drain mushrooms, reserving the liquid. Add bay leaf peppercorns, onion, thyme, and mushrooms. Add enough water to mushroom liquid to make 2 cups. Pour mixture over ox joints. Cover tightly and simmer 3 to 4 hours or until tender. Remove ox joints; discard the bay leaf and peppercorns. Thicken the cooking liquid with flour (add more water if necessary) to make gravy. Add the meat. Serve over lightly mashed potatoes.

Grated carrots add an interesting texture while rosemary provides a novel herb touch in this stew thickened with barley. (Continued on the following page)



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Barley Beef Stew (serves 6)

- 2 pounds boneless beef, cut in 1½inch pieces
- 3 tablespoons drippings
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper
- 1/8 teaspoon rosemary
- ½ cup chopped onion
- 2 cups water 2 beef bouillon cubes
- 1/4 cup barley
- 1 4-ounce can mushroom stems and pieces
- 1 cup coarsely grated carrot
- 1/4 cup chopped pimiento

Brown the meat in the fat and pour off the drippings. Add the salt, pepper, rosemary, onion, water, bouillon cubes, and barley. Cover tightly and cook slowly until the meat is tender. Add the mushrooms, carrots, and pimiento. Cover tightly and cook 15 minutes.

Oriental Stew (serves 6)

11/2 pounds ground beef

- 1 tablespoon fat
- 1 onion, sliced
- 1½ cups chopped celery
- 1 cup water
- 1 16-ounce can bean sprouts
- 1/4 cup soy sauce
- ½ teaspoon sugar
- 2 tablespoons water
- 2 tablespoons cornstarch

Brown the ground beef in the fat. Pour off drippings. Add the onion, celery, and 1 cup water. Cover tightly and simmer 15 minutes. Add bean sprouts. Combine soy sauce, sugar, 2 tablespoons water, and cornstarch and add to meat mixture. Continue cooking 5 minutes, stirring constantly, until sauce is slightly thickened. Serve over Chinese noodles.

Stews are a he-man food with plain and simple good eating, and this Dilly Lamb Stew is no exception. Dill seed, which comes from India, is wonderful in this stew.

Dilly Lamb Stew (serves 6)

- 2 pounds boneless lamb
- 3 tablespoons flour
- 1½ teaspoons salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper 1/4 teaspoon garlic salt
- 3 tablespoons fat
- 1 beef bouillon cube ¼ cup hot water

drained

- 16-ounce can tomatoes
- ¼ teaspoon dill seed
- 1 package frozen lima beans
- 16-ounce can whole onions,

Combine the flour, salt, pepper, and garlic salt. Dredge meat in this and brown in the fat. Pour off all drippings. Dissolve the bouillon cube in hot water. Drain tomatoes, reserving the pieces to add later. Add the bouillon, tomato liquid, and dill seed. Cover tightly and cook slowly 1 to 2 hours until tender. Add lima beans and continue cooking 20 minutes. Add tomato pieces and onions and continue cooking until heated through.

Heart is an excellent source of high-quality protein and iron and should be eaten often. The following dish has a foreign flavor.

Heart Andalouse (4 servings)

- 1 pound beef or veal heart
- 1 cup water
- teaspoon salt 1 101/2-ounce can condensed to-
- mato soup 1/4 pound cheddar cheese, grated
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1/4 cup flour ½ cup milk
- 2 cups hot cooked rice, seasoned package frozen peas, cooked
- Wash the heart and remove the hard parts. Cut in 34-inch cubes.

Add water and salt. Cover tightly and cook slowly 11/2 hours. Add the tomato soup, cheese, and Worcestershire sauce. Continue cooking until cheese is melted. Make a paste of flour and milk and thicken the sauce. Serve over the rice and

Smoked ham lends its characteristic flavor to any dish in which it is used. In this recipe you can use leftover ham.

Dixie Stew (serves 6)

- 2 pounds cooked ham, cut in 1/2inch cubes
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 3 tablespoons fat ½ cup minced green pepper
- ½ lemon, cut in ¼-inch rings
- ¼ teaspoon pepper
- ¼ teaspoon thyme
- 116-ounce can tomatoes
- 1 cup uncooked rice
- 1½ cups hot water

Cook the onions and garlic in the fat until tender. Add the ham and brown lightly. Pour off drippings. Add the remaining ingredients. Cover tightly and simmer about 30 minutes or until rice is fluffy.

Curried Lamb Stew (4 servingsquick stew)

- 1 pound ground lamb
- ¼ cup finely chopped onion
- ½ garlic clove, finely chopped
- ¼ cup corn flakes, crushed
- 1 teaspoon salt
- ½ cup milk
- 1 tablespoon fat
- ½ cup chopped onion
- 1 teaspoon curry powder
- 1 tablespoon flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1½ cups apple juice
- ¼ cup shredded coconut
- 2 tablespoons chopped salted
- peanuts Cooked rice

Combine the lamb, 4 cup chopped onion, garlic, corn flakes, salt, and milk. Shape into 16 balls, each about the size of a walnut. Brown in the fat, pour off the drippings, remove the meat balls. Add 1/2 cup chopped onion to 1 tablespoon of the drippings and cook 5 minutes. Stir in curry powder, flour, and salt. Add the apple juice. Mix well and cook, stirring constantly until thickened. Return meat balls to gravy. Cover tightly and simmer 20 minutes. Serve over rice; top with coconut and peanuts.



PLANT FUN FOR LITTLE SPROUTS

BY LUCILLE J. GOODYEAR

• Because of their natural curiosity, children enjoy growing indoor plants—especially if the plants have a whimsical origin.

Once started, an indoor garden can be an interesting, gratifying, and educational pastime for a child of any age. In the changing growth and appearance of a plant, a child's interest is magically held from day to day, week to week, while his thirst for knowledge of growing things is not only whetted but satisfied.

Ordinary navy, kidney, or lima bean seeds are a source of fast-growing, attractive vines. To speed up growth the seeds should be soaked in water overnight, then planted in moist, sandy soil. Given plenty of sunshine and some type of support after they have started growing, these plants will develop into colorful, bushy, blooming vines. Keep plants moderately moist once they have reached maturity.

A handful of lentils placed in a shallow bowl of water will grow into a cluster of delicate greenery which makes a fun family table centerpiece.

Carrot tops can be grown into lovely plants. Cut two or three inches from the thick, leafy end. Cover the bottom of a shallow bowl with small pebbles; add enough water to almost cover the pebbles; place carrots tops, cut end down. Hold carrot cuttings in place with a few pebbles. Within a few days, a growth of delicate, feathery green leaves will appear. Add water as it evaporates.

Here's another growing "trick" using a fresh carrot. Scoop out the inside core of a large, stubby carrot Use a sharp paring knife or apple corer, working carefully so as not to penetrate the outer layer. With a heavy darning needle, run a length of string through top of carrot to make a loop for hanging. Hang in window and fill with water. Before you know it, the carrot will be covered over with a cascade of feathery foliage.

The cup-and-saucer vine, whose flowers resemble a cup sitting on a saucer, is an interesting and amusing plant. The seeds are obtainable at most seed stores. To give the seeds a quick start, nick each seed with a sharp knife or file and soak overnight in water. Plant four seeds to a flowerpot about four inches wide, using a sandy soil. Plant seed edgewise and barely cover with soil. Water soil gently, preferably with a plant atomizer or spray.

A sweet potato vine is easy and fun to grow. Place a fresh sweet potato, narrow end down, in a water-filled jar having a top small enough to hold the potato half in and half out of water or use toothpicks to hold potato in place. Keep in a dark place until roots sprout, adding water as needed. When well-rooted, place in a semi-sunny spot. This vine can also be started in moist, sandy soil. For quicker and more satisfactory results. choose a potato that is already starting to sprout. Occasionally trim vines back to avoid straggly growth.

The avocado can be treated in

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much the same manner as the sweet potato vine. Support the seed above a container of water, with the blunt end of seed in water. Be sure to keep bottom of seed in water, adding water as it evaporates. The seed may also be grown in soil, placing it in a mixture of about half garden soil and half fine sand, with the pointed end up and protruding part way above the surface. Keep soil slightly damp at

A planted pineapple top will give forth with a tropical type of growth. Cut the leafy top from a fresh pineapple, cutting about two inches below the crown of leaves. It's best to allow the cut top to try out a few days to avoid rot. Fill a pot or planter with clean sand or a sandy soil and firmly press the cut side into the soil. Keep soil moist during rooting period. Plant should be kept in a dimly lit place, out of drafts, until roots are established. Place in a window, keeping soil moderately moist. Plant will continue to bear interesting gray-green, spiked leaves.

Interesting house plants can also be produced from citrus seeds (orange, grapefruit, lemon, lime). Soak seeds overnight. Fill a small pot with a loose, sandy soil and plant three or four seeds a quarter of an inch beneath the surface. Keep in a dim light. When the plants have sprouted enough to show two pairs of leaves, each plant should be carefully transplanted into an individual pot, using a moderately rich soil. The transplants should be returned to dim light for a few days, after which they can be moved to a sunny

spot. Seeds from dates can be planted

and tiny palm "trees" will grow. However, they do take considerable time to germinate. If your child is trying to grow a tiny palm tree, better have him plant some fastgrowing plants at the same time. The appearance and growth of the other plants will soothe his impatience while waiting for the date pits to sprout and begin growing.

Fun to plant and amusing to watch as it grows is a "sponge garden." Place a dampened natural sponge in a shallow bowl of water. A coarse, porous rock can be substituted for the sponge. Sprinkle sponge or rock with seeds, using lettuce, mustard, or grass seed. If

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the sponge or rock is kept damp the seeds will sprout and grow appealing green mounds. A corncob held upright in a water-filled, flat dish with stones, planted with timothy grass seeds and kept moist, will also provide an interesting growth project.

Midget tomato and pepper plants are good materials for a child's window garden. The midget pepper grows about five inches high, the tomato about eight inches. Both produce colorful, edible fruit, are readily adapted to pot culture, and are easily grown from seed. The seed can be obtained at most seed supply stores.

Miniature petunias, marigolds, and zinnias make colorful plants for children to observe, as they all grow rapidly and bloom. Use moderately rich soil, covering seeds with about ¼ inch of soil. Space the seeds when planting so as to avoid

any transplanting.

Many herbs can be grown successfully indoors. Why not have your youngster start a row of small flowerpots, each pot planted with a different type of herb? In addition to being easily grown and providing interesting greenery, herbs can be used in cooking to add flavor and spice to your favorite dishes.

QUILT SCRAPBOOK

BY FRANCES GORMAN RISSER

My grandma has a quilt she made When she was very small. She looks at every pretty square, And then she can recall So many things out of the past— She'll sent "Year Uncle Inc.

She'll say: "Your Uncle Joe Had a green shirt—see this scrap here?—

A long, long time ago. He fell into the pigpen and The sow chased him about; That boy was sure a sorry sight Before he was fished out."

Or "I wore a dress made of this Red, flowered gingham when I won the County Spelling Match, And I was only ten!"

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Caramel Apples

6 or 7 apples (crisp and rosy)
1 pound of vanilla caramels
2 tablespoons water
Dash of salt

Melt the caramels with the water in the top part of the double boiler; stir until the mixture is smooth and velvety. Stick a wooden skewer into the stem end of each apple. Dip the apples in the caramel syrup, turning until apple is completely coated. If necessary, add a few drops of water to make the caramel of the right consistency. Place coated apples, stick up, on a buttered cookie sheet. Chill till coating is firm.

If you like "red hot tops" make this cinnamon apple.

Cinnamon Apple-on-a-Stick

6 or 7 firm red apples

2 cups sugar

3 cup light corn syrup 1 cup water

Enough red cinnamon candies to make the syrup hot and red

Boil the sugar, syrup, water, and red candies together until they form a hard, brittle thread when a teaspoon of syrup is dropped into cold water. Tip saucepan and dip apples, twisting in the syrup until they are well covered. Work quickly, placing saucepan over boiling water to keep syrup thin enough to coat the apples easily. Place coated apples, stick up, on buttered cookie sheet to harden. FBP

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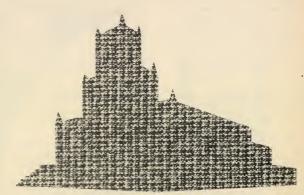
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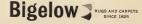


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This I Believe
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reason for their existence or their destination when they leave this earth, Latter-day Saints have the answers to these questions. Through the Prophet Joseph Smith and his successors has come the revelation that we are here to be tested by God. After we die, if we are worthy, we attain eternal life with God. God has revealed through his prophets the plan of salvation and has given certain commandments which we are to follow. The priesthood, or the authority and power to act in the name of God, has been restored to the earth. God has given us much. However, as in the French saying, noblesse oblige, we must realize that where much is given, much is expected.

During the remainder of my life, I will make several important decisions. Among these are included my occupational pursuit, my selection of a wife, and, above all, the choice of which plan I will follow—that of Satan or that of God. I pray that through constant prayer and study, my testimony of the gospel will grow. It will become stronger if I will accept the challenge of being different. This I

believe.

Since Cumorah (Continued from page 877)

the *Thanksgiving Hymns*, it is the tree of the wicked that bears bitter fruit: "In their every thought is a root which blossoms to wormwood and gall." The tree referred to here can only be an olive.

The reader can amuse himself by working out the parallels at great length and detail. Here we have two men who write exactly the same sort of poetry including a hymn of praise in the same peculiar way, an autobiographical sketch in which they suffer the identical vicissitudes under identical conditions, and the same two men develop an elaborate parable having to do with a tree and an orchard or garden which they leave to others to explain. If they are the same person, the discrepancies between their accounts can be readily explained by the time gap between the Book of Mormon version and the much later Qumran version. We must remember that the Dead Sea Scrolls are full of old writings, centuries older than the manuscripts containing them, even though these are the oldest known.

The Zadok after whom the community name themselves has been traced back as far as the Jebusite Zadok of the time of David; that shows how old their traditions are. We have even suggested elsewhere that the Zenock of the Book of Mormon may have been Zadok, for not only could the "n" and the "d" have been easily confused by a scribe, but the common Arabic designation for the sectarians of the desert as "Zandokites" shows that the two could be used together.

All of this, of course, is simply speculation.

(To be continued)

FOOTNOTES

Olive," Encyclopaedia Britannica (9th ed.).

"It is the concept of the "Wintertime of the Just," according to which until the return of the Lord all trees, good and bad, alive and dead, look alike, since none of them has leaves; it is only in the last days that the living trees will blos-

som; Pastor of Hermas, Similitude iii.

*viii, 20-22; the translation is Gaster's,

op. cit., pp. 166-167.
"Gaster, op. cit., p. 167, renders this."
For that which I had planted was turned into wormwood." Dupont-Somer, however, has the poet compare himself to an abandoned tree: "... there was no fountain for me. .. I was without strength; my punishment bore fruit in bitterness... and I could not preserve my strength." In Semitica, 7 (1957), pp.

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Joy is an elation of spirit—of a spirit which trusts in the goodness and truth of its own possessions.—Seneca



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A Strange Letter (Continued from page 875)

seeking genealogical information pertaining to his own ancestry. Searching through copies of old publications in a library, he found Raymond Laub's 1936 request for information. Although the request had been made twenty-four years previously, he decided to write a letter indicating he had some information and vital facts gleaned during many years of personal research.

Since 1936, however, Raymond Laub had moved from Simi, California, going first to St. George, Utah, where his wife had died, and he remarried. Later, he and his second wife filled a mission for the Church, returned, and settled in Enterprise, Utah, subsequently moving to Salt Lake City.

In some unexplained manner this letter from Harlan Laub, written March 17, 1960, and addressed to Simi, California, was delivered to Raymond Laub in Salt Lake City on April 25, 1960. This letter proved to be a "key" to open the door to records of the ancestry and kinfolk of George Laub, the

Mormon pioneer.

The writer of the letter, Harlan Laub, is a genealogist for the Sons of the American Revolution in Pennsylvania. He had gathered a small quantity of unrelated facts and vital statistics relating to persons with the Laub family name. A reply was quickly dispatched to him, and he graciously supplied copies of all information in his possession. This contact was the beginning of an interesting and intense mutual correspondence. With his assistance and the help of a researcher in Lancaster city, many new record sources were searched, some of which were rather inaccessible, such as early Lutheran and Reformed Church records, handwritten records of itinerant preachers, and records in German from the small farm areas of Cumru township, New Holland, and Brecknock township. Historical libraries were visited, and several early handwritten records, obtainable only in their present location, were searched.

Slowly, one by one, the newly found facts began to fit into place like pieces of a jigsaw puzzle.

Families began to emerge from the haze of records. Eventually it was learned that Harlan Laub was a descendant of a Jacob Laub of Juanita County, Pennsylvania, who had died during the Civil War. George Laub's journal indicated that he had a brother named Jacob, but this was in Lancaster County. An entry found in Pennsylvania archive records indicated that a Jacob Laub of Juanita County married Elizabeth Dietrich. Both were from Lancaster County. They had moved to Juanita County in 1844, and although past military age, he had enlisted during the Civil War and had died in active duty. Could this man be the brother of George?

A letter written to George by one of his brothers in 1866 was found. This letter contained a key statement. It said, "Our brother Jacob married twice and died during the Civil War." This seemed proof that Harlan Laub descended from the same family as did the Laub family of Utah, but the searchers wanted verifying evidence. Finally, one happy day, Harlan Laub wrote that at last he had proof. He wrote, "I have found information I have been seeking



RICHARD L. EVANS

One reason for restlessness is the expectation of a series of ever-ascending excitements. We hear of those who are bored, those who feel letdown for lack of highlights in life-expecting experiences always to be more sensational, entertainment always to be more spectacular. We hear of those who are disappointed because teaching and learning are more or less routine and repetitious, because sermons sometimes seem the same. But not every occasion, every sentence, every experience can reach a new high. Sometimes we may read a whole book and feel well rewarded if we find in it a single sentence that is forever worth remembering. We may hear a whole sermon and be rewarded if we find in it only one thought that helps to meet a problem or move us toward improvement. We may read a play and find that there is much that is preliminary to getting to the point, or to the climax of the play. In literature there is much that is preface, much that leads up to the crux of the plot. In poetry not every line is thrilling. Nor is music all climax. Nor would it be pleasant if it were all crash and crescendo. Many of the great masters have written and painted much that is mediocre, or at least less than their best. And in eating, everything isn't dessert. Nor can all our foods be condiments and spices. There are the staples, the necessary filling component parts. Much of life comes under the category of in-between times, essential duties, routine tasks, the daily things that have to be done. Much of life, blessedly, is simple and quiet-and should be. And we do well if we learn the blessing of routine duty, of quiet content, along with the flashes of inspiration, the thrills, the highlights, the peaks, and the special experiences. We do well to give gratitude for simple food, for health to eat it, for quiet companionship and the good sense to enjoy it, for simple things, for the fill-in, for the routine, for the in-between times, with some climaxes, some thrills, and highlightsbut not expecting an endless series of excitements. If we expect a thrill a minute, it must be the thrill of being alive, and useful and loved, and of learning, and of being part of God's great plan and purpose.

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for twenty years." He had located an old pension record of the widow of Jacob Laub and his children by another wife. This record gave the confirming evidence that this Jacob was a brother of George Laub, a son of John Laub of Lancaster County. Thus, for the first time, a connection was established between distant collateral lines of the Laub family.

Gradually the way opened to enlarge the pedigree of Laub lineage. Harlan Laub intensified his efforts. He became indefatigable. Every spare moment was spent in research. Many trips were made to record archives. He enlisted the aid of associates in the various chapters of the Sons of the American Revolution. He followed up tirelessly, seeking and confirming facts, obtaining copies of entries and documents. A barrage of correspondence went back and forth between Utah and Pennsylvania. Certain vital facts or documents which were needed for some particular point would sud-denly, unexplainably, be located. One by one these facts began to have new meaning. Soon the correct lineage began to appear. Then, one memorable day, came the final proof. One of the diligent SAR researchers had located copies of old wills buried away in musty ar-chives. These valuable documents, the existence of which had been unknown, provided the final proof needed to verify the ancestry of George Laub.

One complete manuscript volume of the compiled records of the Laub family has now been placed in the genealogical library in Salt Lake City. It may be of interest to note that one ancestor fought in the Revolutionary War. Another kinsman was mortally wounded in the War of 1812 and received a special citation from the Congress of the United States. The immigrant ancestor has been identified as Michael Laub, a carpenter who migrated in 1749 from Grotzingen, Germany, to Pennsylvania.

This has been a long but interesting search. Nor is the end in sight. A brief perusal of parish records in Germany indicates this family line may be extended still further. The spirit of Elijah has rested upon many members of the Laub family, even those not members of the Church.



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These Times (Continued from page 847)

The United States has had some experience with guerrilla-type warfare. In the Seven Years' War (the French and Indian War) some Americans, including a young Virginian by the name of George Washington, learned that openformation British infantry intervention was futile. "Braddock's defeat" was a lesson well earned by Washington. He applied it well from 1776 to 1781 in the American Revolution, in which American "guerrillas" defeated British land armies. Yet outside help was necessary. Diplomatic help of sorts came from Russia, Holland, and Spain. Direct military, naval, and economic aid came from the French. Harried on land by organized and unorganized American forces supplied by the French, menaced at sea by the French navy and American privateers, the British finally gave up the struggle.

What would have happened if British public opinion had not permitted the British government to discontinue the struggle? How long would Washington, Francis Marion the "Swamp Fox," and the rest have continued to fight? What would have happened if French aid had never come? What if it had been withdrawn before the battles of Saratoga or Yorktown? No one will

ever know.

The French aid was vital. The French fleet under De Grasse "botted" the British at Yorktown. Washington "sealed off" the peninsula. Cornwallis was caught between the guns of the French navy and Washington. He surrendered. The British cabinet fell. Their replacements discontinued the war. Two years later, in 1783, the British reluctantly recognized the independence of the United States.

One key to the American success was Washington's stedfastness and his ability to keep an army in the field, generally moving from place to place. So long as Washington's army was in the field, and not destroyed, the British could not gain

the victory.

The French in the twentieth century could not retain their place in Viet Nam. Now the Americans support the South Viet Nam government in its efforts to retain independence from intervention by



TOO MUCH . . .

RICHARD L. EVANS

Epictetus left some words on a subject we should like for a moment to consider: "See children thrusting their hands into a narrow-necked jar," he said, "and striving to pull out the nuts and figs it contains; if they fill the hand, they cannot pull it out again, and then they fall to tears. 'Let go a few of them, and then you can draw out the rest!'"1 Further following his thought, we do sometimes fill ourselves too full. We often complicate our lives with too much that is more or less meaningless and sometimes seem to acquire and accumulate for the sake of acquiring and accumulating. Possessions with a point and a purpose can be good, as they add to the enrichment of life. But sometimes we seem to overcomplicate every process and procedure, even our play, our leisure. We often work hard at playing and acquire equipment to the point where it becomes cumbersome and overload ourselves with the burden of mere things, each of which takes time and attention, effort and energy. From seasoned travelers we well could learn a lesson. "Travel light. Get rid of things," one observer said. There is in a sense "a time for all things," and our perspective changes. We go through periods when things matter very much, when positions, honors, tangibles matter maybe too much. Then maturity moves in as our days diminish, and we begin to look at what we do with every hour, and at all pleasures and pursuits. We begin to look at the impediments-the things that clutter, the things that take our time, with an awareness that every possession takes time, as it must be kept and cared for. There are many kinds of slavery, and slavery to things is one kind. When we want too much, when we take too much, when we eat too much, when we overload our lives, we would well remember the words of Epictetus: that we cannot pull our hands out of a narrow-necked jar when we have too much in them, when we hold too much to more or less meaningless things simply for their own sakes.

¹Epictetus, *Discourses*, Vol. II, ch. 9. ²Celia C. Cole, "Bells Like Prayers," *Delineator*, January 1936. ³Eccles. 3.

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North Viet Nam and China. The Viet Cong, thus supported, has penetrated South Viet Nam. Is there a Washington in South Viet Nam who can rally at least a third of his people as Washington did and also keep an army in the field? This would seem to be a desirable element in the American effort to maintain the independence of South Viet Nam. If not a Washington, is there a comparable cultural force, influence, or rallying point for South Viet Nam? If there is not, history suggests that American policy, then, in South Viet Nam, must be like Roman policy two thousand years ago: conquer, drive out the invader, then govern. This has never been overseas American policy as a rule.

Are there other alternatives? Only the foolish would say there are no other alternatives. All of them may not be open to the United States government. Others may not be practical nor acceptable. However, one suggests itself, should it develop that the South Viet Nam government is not really capable of maintaining its territory marked out by the 1954 Geneva agreement. That would be for the US policy-makers to work for as compact an area as possible which a South Viet Nam government can maintain. Then divide the remainder into two or more states protected and guaranteed by some international agreement yet to be worked out, but perhaps with British, Indian, Burmese, and other regional interests represented from members of the United Nations. The truce still maintained at Panmunjom in Korea since 1953 is a constant reminder of the uneasy nature of such matters. But war and peace, in these times, are also uneasy matters, as the President of the United States will readily admit.

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The Era of Youth

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"... whatsoever ye do, do it heartily,..." [Col. 3:23]

... be a lively member...." [D&C 92:2]

Many years ago

Dr. Edwin A. Starbuck of Iowa University made a statement to a group of Boy Scout executives. He was talking about leadership and about leaders. He said, "When God sends leaders into the world, he winds them up for the whole trip." This startled most of those present, but there were some who recognized the statement as a truth expressed by the Lord through Abraham many centuries ago.

How did that come about? Abraham found such favor with the Lord that he received many revelations. He was a prophet and a leader. Among the great truths revealed to Abraham was one concerning leadership.

"Now the Lord had shown unto me, Abraham, the intelligences that were organized before the world was; and among all these there were many of the noble and great ones;

"And God saw these souls that they were good, and he stood in the midst of them, and he said: These I will make my rulers; for he stood among those that were spirits, and he saw that they were good; and he said unto me: Abraham, thou art one of them; thou wast chosen before thou wast born." (Abr. 3:22-23.) What Abraham learned by revelation Starbuck

learned by observation. Both used a different manner

in which to express the same truth. Leaders are bound to lead. They cannot help it; it is born in them. They will be greater or lesser leaders according to their ability and their desire. The happy thing about it all is that nearly everyone is a leader of someone else. One may lead another, or ten others, or a hundred, or a thousand, or a city, or a state, or a nation; whichever one of these he finally may prove to be able to do will be based on his inherent ability to lead. But what he will do with his opportunity is based on one general principle applicable to each case. Can he obey truth? It will be true of a leader of one or of a leader of many. Let us see how it came about. One of the great crises in the eternity of things took place many eons ago. God expounded the principle to the great leaders of that daymen who were then spirits. Here is the story: "And there stood one among them that was like unto God, and he said unto those who were with him: We will go down, for there is space there, and we will take of these materials, and we will make an earth whereon these may dwell;

"And we will prove them herewith, to see if they will do all things whatsoever the Lord their God shall command them; . . ." (Ibid., 3:24-25.) Having declared the principle against which he intended to test everyone, God made promises to those who should succeed. (See ibid., 3:26.) Then came the test: "Whom shall I send?" It was a question fraught with great meaning.

"Send me," said one, the Firstborn, much beloved. "Send me," said a second one.

Which one should go?

The first was willing to go, act in the name of God, and take no honor to himself.

The second would go, coerce men into goodness, take the glory to himself, and demand the right to sit on the throne as God-replacing God.

The first was chosen, and the second rebelled. There

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are two statements in the Bible, one a sad statement of what took place, the other a lament over the sad event.

John saw it in vision and wrote:

"And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,

"And prevailed not: neither was their place found any more in heaven.

"And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan which deceiveth the



whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him." (Rev. 12:7-9.) Isaiah saw the same event and, being a poet, with sorrow wrote this lament:

"How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! "For thou hast said in thine heart. I will ascend into

heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:

"I will ascend above the heights of the clouds: I will be like the most High. "Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit." (Isa. 14:12-15.)

In that day there were two leaders: One was pledged to be obedient to the plan and designs of his Father: the other was determined to defeat those plans. Two-thirds of those who heard followed the first. One-third followed the second. The first group was granted the right to earn its way into the presence of God. The second was cast out forever. You are of the first group. You came to the earth. Whatever your ability to lead, whether one or a multitude, you will have to decide whether to be a good, lively, brisk, animated leader for truth and good or to throw it all away and lead toward evil. That agency to choose is still with us. No man ever was a good leader until he proved he could obey his own leaders. The Lord Jesus Christ followed explicitly and exactly the commandments of God, his Father. Abraham was given a great test to see if he would obey ". . . all things whatsoever the Lord their God should command. . . . " (Abraham 3:25.) He was told to offer Isaac as a sacrifice. He obeyed, and the Lord accepted the offering but spared Isaac. Each leader will be tested as to whom he will obey and whom he will not. The test then of a lively leader is obedience. Whom does he obey? Those he should, in righteousness, are: His parents first, then

his school and governmental leaders, and his ward and stake and church leaders. These, if leading in righteousness, will enlarge the obedient follower. In his turn, having been obedient, each will know how to be a good, lively leader. No one escapes the opportunity to be obedient to the laws of God and to the leaders who administer these laws. Having passed this great test, there is no limit to what great things are in store for a young man or a young woman.

Then one becomes indeed a lively leader, leading his one, his ten, his hundred, his thousand, his multitude toward the light of Jesus Christ, our great and responsible leader.

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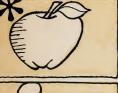
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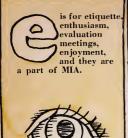
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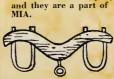








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dictionary—and you'll be "the last word" if you are A PART OF MIA.

Motivation—that's a good word. It means movement —motion—the urge to be doing. It's an alive word. It stands for the reason behind the doing—the why. The best motivation is love—love for our Heavenly Father, love for all his children. That sounds pretty idealistic, doesn't it? But it's easy to accomplish. You just start at home by seeing the good things your family members do for you, by seeing their



good qualities, by mentioning these qualities occasionally, by doing good things for them. Then you can move out into the neighborhood and act the same way for your friends. Pretty soon you'll find yourself filled with that good feeling of love and enthusiasm.

It's wonderful to be alive! Really alive! To have that feeling of excitement and zest that makes you look around with sparkling eyes for the new and the interesting, that enthusiasm that keeps you interested and energetic.

When a person, no matter his age, brings this wonderful aliveness into an activity, an organization, he makes others enthusiastic; he gets things done; and he enjoys the doing.

What a blessing to work with someone like this! But how did he get that way? What does it take to give a person this alive feeling?

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Another good word is participation. It means action, taking part, being a doer. It's surprising how quickly we feel alive when we start doing.

Now let's talk about work. This is a very good way to practise those two words—motivation and participation. "Work," you say, "who needs work?" Basketball and tennis are drudgery if you're not enthusiastic. Dancing, skiing, shopping for a new

dress, riding, any activity you can think of is drudgery if you're not alive in it. Work simply means exerting effort to do some purposeful activity. Nothing can compare with the feeling of friendship, love, satisfaction, and real enjoyment a person gets while participating in a work project. You can laugh and talk and share ideas, and you get the feeling of doing something of value. So this is the key to being alive. Participate in purposeful activities. Do them for love of your Heavenly Father, your friends, and for the sheer joy of accomplishment.

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Editor's note: What do you do if you are offered a drink in the parking lot at school, after the dance, at the drive-in, or at a party? It would be better not to be in such difficult situations, but there are times when it seems unavoidable. Such experiences are only a step away from the ubiquitous "social hour" occasions which many of you will be facing in school, business, professional, and social situations just ahead, Dr. G. Homer Durham, a successful, experienced member of the Church, now President of Arizona State University, gives youth the benefit of his wisdom about being in the world but not of it.

This is the second in a series.'



The"reception" and the cocktail party, as they did in the ancient world, to a measure dominate the social life of man in today's world. Meetings of business leaders, medical men, lawyers, educators, nearly every important dinner outside the Churchin homes, at hotels, elsewhere-are characterized by them.

How do the abstainers survive, prosper? (For, believe me, they do.) Simply by saying, "No, thank

you," when the host, hostess, maid, butler, or friend comes to you with his invitation to indulge. I, along with every prominent church member I know, am a veteran of dozens of such occasions. They have never given me trouble. I have always found others like myself and have never been alone or uncomfortable. Gracious, intelligent people understand and respect individual differences. If you ever find yourself in company where your differences are not respected, you are in the wrong company and had better find other associations. One of the first things a successful man or woman with our church standards has to learn, if he wants to maintain his personal standards, is to say, politely, "No." You are not alone. Others have their standards. The best people respect their own standards and allow all others the same privilege. I have learned this many times over, in Salt Lake City, in London, Washington, New York, Phoenix, San Francisco, Denver, Los Angeles, and everywhere my responsibilities have taken me. When these same friends and associates come to my home, they know what to expect and what not to expect. They respect my standards. Faith, mustard-seed size or even smaller, works

wonders in every circumstance. The personal standards upheld by the Church have been time-tested. Have faith in them, You will prosper.

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BY G. HOMER DURHAM

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Ordinarily the weather is something you can do nothing about; you can only adjust to it. But the climate of the home is different from ordinary weather. Most young men and women dream of having a home of their own some day with a climate which is always sunny, fair, and warm. This is a beautiful and worthy dream with possibilities of fulfilment. But it doesn't happen all by itself; you have to do something to bring it about. If you don't the forecast for your dream home will include some stormy, disagreeable weather with fog and sleet. Begin now to plan and work carefully; then your dream home, when it materializes, can have a most delightful, enviable atmosphere. How to begin? Ask yourself some questions: What kind of climate prevails in the home I live in now? Is it usually clear and warm, or do we run into squalls accompanied by freezing weatherthunder and lightning storms followed by menacing quiet?

If you are living in a cooperative, happy home now, the forecast is sunny skies ahead for you. On the other hand if it is a blustery and stormy home you should ask yourself a few more questions: Do I aggravate the stormy condition; do my actions contribute to it? Is it possible that the climate improves when I am away from home?

You are not the first to dream that the climate in your home of the future would be perfect. Your parents had the same dream when they were your age. Pretend for a moment that you are your parent. How would you handle the situation in your home with a child who acted the way you do? If you could honestly express sincere appreciation to that child for a cheerful, cooperative home attitude, you are safe in forecasting a pleasant climate for your own dream home.

You can change a forecast you don't like if you begin now. It is a fascinating experiment involved

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with discovering what influence you have on the climate in your home and exhausting the possibilities of changing it. Your experiment is not concerned with reforming the other members of your family; you work exclusively with yourself. Your procedure is not complicated but requires persistent determination. It consists of thinking of the needs and the welfare of other members of the family and acting accordingly instead of considering only your own needs and wishes. It will be necessary for you to consult often with the expert in home climates, who is, of course, your Eternal Father. If you seriously carry out this experiment, you will be amazed and delighted with the results!



So, you have been asked to give a talk. Congratulations!

Before giving your talk, keep two things in mind. They are very important.

 If you want to communicate, be sure that what you communicate is worth the time spent doing it.
 Communicate with spirit.

Easy? For some it will be, but for others it will

be harder.
There are problems which we cannot wink at

There are problems which we cannot wink at or take lightly.

One of the most difficult obstacles is to overcome fear. Can you remember the first two-and-one-halfminute talk you gave? For some it is a hurdle difficult to maneuver, but for others it is less difficult. Some people, by virtue of a natural tendency toward extroversion, sparkle and glow and spread cheer whenever and wherever they have an occasion to speak. If you are not this type of person, accept yourself for what you are and do the best you can with what you have. Notwithstanding this natural qualification in some people, everyone can speak who has the vocal apparatus intact. The initial fear is overcome considerably by continued practice. Every time we speak before an audience, we learn control over this initial and natural fear

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is not enhanced by a spirited delivery. The life of the sentence is in the spirit with which it is uttered. This does not mean that we must put on a show. We do not have to practise overt gestures; this would be in bad taste.



But, on the other hand, how often have we been bored to tears, moved to leave the hall, irritated to the point of negativism, by a speaker who approaches his task with lifelessness and in a halting, slurred, inarticulate manner? Words, words can multiply endlessly and monotonously by virtue of the lack of spirit. The phrase "The glory of God is intelligence" can be uttered

in such different ways! It can come forth with crispness and life, so that we empathically breathe in its nature and are refreshed by its meaning, by virtue of its sound. Or it can mumble forth with bare life to drop nearly dead before us, leaving us to wonder what made it last so long. You will feel your strength behind that speaker's rostrum, in church, in various meetings. If you are blessed with the power of speech, you will feel the great strength of your position. You will mold opinions and change perspectives. You will heal minds and purify hearts. You will help raise standards of goodness wherever your voice is heard and the message delivered. You will discover soon your gift of speech. Cherish it and use it with gladness. Be a lively member-and speaker!

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• Honestly now, does the thought of hoeing beets on a welfare farm just thrill you and make you jump with joy? Doesn't me, either—but a letter from a sixteen-year-old girl to her missionary brother has given me a little different look at the experience.

Dear Matt.

How is your work in the mission field going? Things at home are wonderful.

I wouldn't admit this to everyone, but one of the most fun times I have had in a long time was the other day doing some church work. We got up about 5 am and went to the stake farm to thin beets.

You remember Jane down the street. Well, when she heard about the assignment to go work on the farm, she said she didn't think she wanted to go, and by the time Saturday came, she had a good excuse not to go.

The rest of us met at the ward at 5:30. We had been told to bring our hoes. I had never used one before, but by 6:30 I knew how, and by 7:30



I guess you'd say that I was somewhat of an expert. Linda said that the beets were easier to get out than the weeds, and she hoped she had left enough of the crop behind. Robert said that it might be a fortunate thing for the crops that she was a slow worker.

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With the laughing and talking and yelling that was going on, it's a miracle that any work got done. It did, though. We finished up by lunch time. There was really a gang of us there, about 500 men, women, and teenagers. The Relief Society had sandwiches and punch for us, and then we all came home.

That night as we were talking about the fun we had and teasing each other, Jane looked sort of left out. She said she didn't care, but I could tell that she felt a little funny. I really felt sorry for her being left out of the fun. I think she could have come if she had tried. I learned one thing, and that is that it's more fun to take part than to be left out. It makes you feel more alive and important.

I hadn't thought too much about the welfare program before, but when I got home from the farm, I was curious to know just what it was all about and why we needed to be out hoeing beets. Dad told me a little about it—how we are all supposed to be working together to produce the things needed for the storehouse program, that is, putting things away so that those who have troubles and need help can receive the things they need. When he got through explaining it all to me, I felt better than ever. I was wishing that Jane

had been there to hear. Maybe I can talk her into going with us next time we have an assignment. I think it's a wonderful Church, and I'm surely glad to be able to take part.

Keep up your good work, and write to me when you have time.

Love, Barbara

Young people, take advantage of every work opportunity that comes your way. It may change your life. It surely will benefit you and others greatly. Let your stake welfare project help you be a lively member of the Church.



One night the telephone rang, and Cal Robinson,

the youth missionary supervisor in our stake, asked if I would be on the youth missionary committee. I reluctantly accepted. Like some people, I thought first of myself. I thought of the extra meetings I would have to attend and the breakfasts I possibly would have to forego. However, an experience I had while a group of students were decorating for a dance eliminated all reservations I had had before. The topic of religion came up between another person in the youth missionary program, two fellow

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athletes not members of the Church, and myself. We discussed the basic differences between our beliefs. We also talked about the Book of Mormon and the fact that things which Joseph Smith had translated in this book about the early American people were now being discovered. I suddenly realized that the things we were talking about had to be true. I had a marvelous, inexpressible feeling. This glorious feeling came through the realization that what I believed was an actual fact. For the first time in my life, I knew that all the things I had been told since I was a child were true. That night we asked the two boys if they would like to see the film "Man's Search for Happiness," shown at the Mormon Pavilion at the World's Fair. They both said, "Yes." The film was excellent, and afterward we asked them if they wanted to come back and learn more. One of the boys said, "Yes." The other said, "No." However, he thanked us for the interest we had taken in him. We continued the first discussion for the boy who was interested. We talked about the organization of the Church in Christ's time and how closely our Church compares to it. The spirit of the gospel was felt by everyone in the room. Afterward, while we walked back to the car, he turned to me and said, "You know, it really makes you think doesn't it?" This was a far greater happiness than the happiness or self-comfort I thought I would miss that first night when I was asked, "Will you be on our youth missionary committee?"

Jesus said, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." (Matt. 5:16.) Today President McKay has stressed again the importance of letting our light shine before men. He has asked that every member be a missionary. I would like to reiterate this challenge to the young people of the Church—be a lively member of our youth missionary program.

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When we young people hear the word priesthood,

"the power to act in the name of and in behalf of God," we seldom realize that it is for living and not only for blessing the Sacrament or preparing it, and that it is extra "spirit" for us youth.

Not only to aid:

David O. McKay to lead the Church and the authorities of the Church to carry out God's will and the bishop to run the ward

and the duorum adviser to teach us and set

the example and the home teachers to help us with our problems and our dads to heal the sick,

but for us to use as youth to live successfully when young!

Just think, we have the power of an Aaron and a John the Baptist conferred upon us when we are twelve! And we can gain the power of a Moses, an Elijah, a Nephi. But being a priesthood bearer, we must be worthy of it. We must be clean in body, mind, and mouth. We must be obedient to the scriptures, laws, and commandments. We must be strong in church, with family, with friends, and in ideals. And most important, we must be active, active in play, work, and the priesthood. To be a top priesthood bearer, we must honor it, and the best way to honor it when we are worthy to hold it is to use it and accept its responsibilities. Yes, it's for healing the sick and performing ordinances, and for the leaders of our religion to guide the affairs of the Church. But it is also for young men in living and coping with life. This is what we have that the girls will look up to. The girls look for leadership, and we can provide them with it. For we have the keys to a superior experience here on earth. It can give us, if we use it, added strength on date night. We can call on the power of God through the priesthood to help us avoid and resist the temptations of the flesh in those



tense moments when they seem so compelling. If we exercise the priesthood and call on its power, we can have the courage to say "no" to that guzzle of beer, that draw on the cigaret, the urge of the crowd to speed, steal, cheat, or be destructive. With God on our side who cares if Johnny isn't at the moment? (Thomas Jefferson said, "Do what you know to be right, and all will work out.") We as priesthood bearers can ask for the power to withstand habits of environment when away from home: of swearing and telling nasty stories. acting crude, and sluffing on work. We have added wisdom in solving the problems of being young. It is surprising how a little fasting and praying and honoring our priesthood can bring wisdom into the solutions of our problems-or of sharing with a friend a bit of advice. All these can be the qualities and blessings of a priesthood bearer if he lives right before the Lord. So let's be aware of the priesthood and not be frightened to use it. Let's make it an everyday tool and not just a Sunday habit. Let's awaken to its meaning and its power and the added spirit that it can bring into our souls.

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BY SCOTT ANDERSON, AGE 18

The Last Word

It seems that every year it takes less time to fly across the ocean and longer to drive to work.



The best medicine for our own sorrows is the effort to heal the sorrows of someone else. However heavy our personal trials may be, we shall forget our quarrel with life and with God if we will give ourselves steadily to the endeavor to make life brighter and fuller of comfort and blessing to others.—Philip Moxom

A life that only marks time, that does not march forward, cannot be a victorious life. The more battles won, the more victorious the forward movement. If a man gains but an inch a day against temptation and privation, he is a growing, conquering disciple. The man who stands still is a useless half-defeated one.

You can't plow a field by merely turning it over in your mind.

Two Indians watched the white man building a lighthouse. One night after it was completed, the Indians took up their accustomed stations as a thick fog started to roll in. Said one Indian to the other, "Light shine, bell ring, horn blow, but fog come in just the same."

Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding. For the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold.—Proverbs 3:13-14



We would willingly have others perfect, and yet we would not amend our own faults. Physical strength is measured by what one can carry; spiritual, by what one can bear.—Ivan Panin

Modern idea of roughing it: Driving a car with a standard shift.

It is sad to see so many young fellows wasting their money and not be able to help them.





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